Dear Mr. Jeffrey Edward Epstein

“Twin City; For Today, for the Future, and for Our Community”. Twin City Makes Connections for Life.

Twin City Mobile Integrated Health Services (TCMIH) is a private, non-profit, non-emergency, certified, advance and basic life support interfacility ambulance provider, specialized transport and mobile phlebotomy service. Our staff are trained professionals who have the experience of transporting thousands of patients to and from various healthcare facilities and playing a key role in the Virgin Islands Prehospital Care.

TCMIH provides patient centered, compassionate care in an atmosphere of safety and professionalism, serving hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, air ambulance and private medical facilities in the Virgin Islands.

As a provider of mobile medical service, we bring to the community a company that is committed to excellence in medical transportation and patient care. From our team of highly skilled Phlebotomist, EMR’s, EMT’s, Advanced EMT’s, Nurses and Paramedics ready to care for their patient’s needs, to the professional management team our focus remains patient centered and safety driven from start to finish. TCMIH is guided by the vision of experienced healthcare providers from our local EMS, Florida EMS and a Certificate of Need/Necessity (CON) awarded by the Virgin Islands Department of Health. Twin City invests heavily in itself through its personnel, equipment, vehicle and training to maintain the highest level of quality and professionalism. We also invest back into the community through donations and community service projects.

While no one anticipates or favors an injury or crisis, mental crisis, illness or the aging process you can rest assured that your medical needs will be met professionally by a team of caring individuals focused on making the most comfortable and compassionate experience possible.

Sincerely!

Eugene Phipps, TNT EMR
President
Twin City Care, Inc.

Jeffery D. Gilliard, BS, NRP/CCEMTP/FPM
CEO
Twin City Care, Inc.

Jerry Galloway, NRP, CCEMTP
Chief Operations Officer
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Mission, Vision, Values

It is our goal, as a community non-profit service organization, to provide expedient, reliable, cost-efficient non-emergency ambulance service, mobile phlebotomy and affordable specialized transportation to the citizens of the Virgin Islands. In the pursuit of this goal, we pledge to furnish superior, quality equipment, vehicle, personal, and service, dedicated to the needs and demands of both the public and the local health care agencies. We strive to develop and promote a positive and rewarding work environment. As a team, we inspire a professional, compassionate attitude, knowing that without each other, we would not succeed. The company shall draw its strength from the skill and dedication of its personnel and in turn, inspire the team to provide quality service of which all would be proud.

Vision Statement

Twin City Mobile Integrated Health vision is to deliver service in a manner that sets the standard for professional, compassionate, cost effective and safety oriented non-emergency ambulance service, mobile phlebotomy and specialized transportation. Through our employees, our peers and our patients we understand that we are not making connections for a moment, Twin City makes connections for life.

Values

Patient Centered Care
Compassionate/Dignified Services
Health and Safety Focused
Compliance Motivated
Educationally Driven

Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS)

Any ambulance service can claim it is delivering quality service, but an accredited agency can prove it through its written or documented procedures systems and reports. TCMIH demonstrates full compliance with national ambulance standards of excellence to meet and maintain CAAS. TCMIH will also maintain Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Blood Borne Pathogen (BBP), Vehicle Safety (EMD & CEVO), Virgin Islands Traffic Laws and VI Code Tax Laws.

CAAS was established in 1990 as a not-for-profit national agency to uphold quality operating standards for ambulance services. It is the gold standard for the ambulance industry, in as much as JCAHO (Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) is the benchmark for hospital excellence.

The accreditation process entails a serious self-assessment, comparing us to the accreditation standards. We work through a comprehensive application process with guidance, consultation and mentorship from our CEO; Mr. Jeffery Gilliard former Director of Coastal Ambulance, Brevard County Florida.

Within two years TCIMH hopes to achieve and maintain recertification requirements for CAAS Accreditation and joins the 160 agencies in 37 U.S. State, Canada and the West Indies. This is our steadfast commitment and dedication to quality healthcare for our community, each patient, each transport, and each day.

Performance Requirements

As the premier non-emergency, interfacility, advanced and basic life support ambulance service in the Virgin Islands. TCMIH will provide detailed performance parameters including on time performance as outlined below.

Advanced and Basic Life Support

Definitions:

Pre-Schedule Requests	Those requests scheduled 24 hours in advance.
Urgent Requests	Same day requests that are time sensitive in nature, such as transports to emergency room.
Non-Urgent Requests	Same day requests that are not time sensitive in nature such as hospital discharges.

Performance Parameters:

Pre-Schedule Transports	On time 90%
Non-Schedule Urgent	On time within 1 hour of call time 90%
Non-Schedule Non-Urgent	On time within 2 hours of call time 90%

Mental Health Transports

Definitions:

Priority 1	Law Enforcement with the patient.
Priority 2	Transport requests coming from the Emergency Room, include Air Ambulance
Priority 3	Transport request from Hospital rooms, Detention Centers, Exparte, voluntary request, inpatient mental health units, other “stable” environments, and voluntary requests. “Non- Air Ambulance”
Priority 4	Pre-Scheduled transports with a minimum of 24 hours’ notice.

Performance Parameters

Priority 1	On scene 45 minutes from time of call’s acceptance 90% on time
Priority 2	On scene 1 hour from time of call’s acceptance from receiving facility, 90% on time
Priority 3	On scene 2 hours from time of call’s acceptance from receiving facility, 90% on time
Priority 4	On scene at the agreed upon time, 90% on time

Fees for Service

Transport Rate Schedule

Ambulance Transportation	
BLS Non-Emergency	$290.00
ALS Non-Emergency	$400.00
BLS Emergency	$440.00
ALS Emergency	$520.00
ALS-2	$775.00
All Mileage	$11.25 per mile
Stand-by or Waiting Time	$125.00 per hour or increment thereof*
Medical Coverage (First Aid Station) Contracts	$800.00 per day

In addition to TCMIH primarily non-emergency inter-facility services, TCMIH will routinely render ambulance services in response to facility requests that fall into the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines qualifying Twin City for reimbursement under the CMS code for ALS or BLS Emergency based on the “Immediate Response” criteria. The current CMS definition for Emergency is not based on “lights and sirens”, it is based on “immediate response”.

Ambulance Division and Definition

TCMIH provides Advanced Life Support services (ALS) 24/7, 365 days a year to our hospitals, nursing facilities and various other health care providers in the Virgin Islands. Our entire fleet will stand ready to provide consistent, high quality, patient centered care. Not only are we here for the day-to-day needs of our community, but during times of need, for mutual aid support to the Virgin Islands Department of Health EMS and the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency.

All Paramedics, EMTs, Nurses and Emergency Medical Responders will be working under the guidance of our Medical Director Dr. Christopher C. Hill DO, (Board License Emergency Physician) in accordance with National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

As the premier interfacility non-emergency ambulance provider for the community, our role is as diverse as the patients we serve. From providing critical care transports to monitoring the vital signs and offering support for a Hospice patient, it is all about the connections we make, each day, and each transport.

Advanced Life Support (ALS)

ALS care is provided by Advance EMTs, and Paramedics who are licensed in pre-hospital care, having qualifications and equipment to provide BLS capabilities as well as advanced airway management, cardiac monitoring and defibrillation, IV administration, administering of life saving medications and capable of handling severe medical emergencies.

Specialty Care Transports (ALS-2)

Patients who require specialized monitoring of IV medication drips and ventilators. Care from Air Ambulance services (Medivac).

Mental Health Transport and Crisis Hotline

Specialized medical transport team, working with agencies such as law enforcement, mental healthcare providers, hospital emergency rooms and nursing facilities to ensure the safe, efficient and dignified transport of the mental health patient. In addition to the transport component, Twin City will be a vested partner in the progress and wellbeing of our mental health community at large. Attending and participating in many community forums such as local planning meetings, any mental health taskforce meetings TCMIH will be committed to assisting with the best practices for the providers for the patients that we serve.

Our crews will be trained as Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) which will include being a Behavioral Health Technician (BHT) who will meet requirements in:

- Crisis de-escalation, intervention and sensitivity training
- Patient and crew safety
- Documentation and patient confidentiality
- Ethical and Professional Responsibilities
- Crisis Hotline Response & Management
- Intake Assessment Referrals
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Referrals
- Individual & Group Counseling Referrals
- Male/Female Specific Support Groups
- Relapse Prevention Education
- Substance Abuse Education & Prevention
- Educational/Vocational Counseling
- Family Education
- Parenting Skills and education
- Children's Services Referrals
- HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis prevention and education services
- Women's Aftercare Program Referrals

Mutual Aid

TCMIH will be available and prepared to fulfill its mutual aid commitment to the Virgin Islands Emergency Medical Services (VIEMS) under the directives of the Virgin Islands Territorial Management Agency (VITEMA). When called upon we will assist in the evacuation of healthcare facilities, special needs residents and nursing facilities to safety, only to return them home again after the storms have passed.

Community Paramedicine

Community paramedicine (CP) is an emerging healthcare profession. It allows paramedics, Nurses and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) to operate in expanded roles to provide healthcare services to underserved populations. It is a way to improve rural emergency medical services (EMS) as well as address the healthcare needs of the community.

Some rural patients lack access to primary care, and misuse 911 services in an attempt to access emergency departments for routine healthcare. This is demanding on our EMS system and causes strains on the workforce. Working in a primary care role, community paramedics can meet the needs of such individuals, as well as others in the community, in a more efficient and proactive way.

Mobile Phlebotomy

Our islands are moving toward new types of patient interactions and each year comes an influx of organizations seeking in-home or direct patient (participants / customers) visits. TCMIH will provide mobile phlebotomy and mobile examiner staffing services for island wide specimen collections and one-on-one health testing.

Our Mobile Phlebotomy is a full-service staffing agency that works with organizations such as specialty labs, doctors, health diagnostic and research companies to provide mobile phlebotomists and mobile examiners directly to your patients around the island. We understand that many organizations depend on reliable and experienced phlebotomists available specifically for short term health screening assignments and specimen collections. Our technicians will collect blood, urine, fecal, hair, nail samples and do Electrocardiograms.

Professional and reliable team members take pride in the quality of their work. They pride themselves in their adherence to requirements for timely collection, delivery and handling of the specimens. We will be the leader in the home blood draw services in the Virgin Islands. We deliver the specimens to the labs so you don’t have to. All of our staff will be Certified Mobile Phlebotomy Technicians and carry a mobile centrifuge in their vehicles. This helps assure we get quality specimens.

Medical Oversight (Medical Director)

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) believes that all aspects of the organization and provision of basic (including first responder) and advanced life support emergency and non-emergency medical service, require the active involvement and participation of physicians. The primary role of the medical director is to ensure quality patient care. Responsibilities include involvement with the ongoing design, operation, evaluation and revision of the system from initial patient access to definitive patient care.

The medical director has authority over patient care, authority to limit immediately the patient care activities of those who deviate from established standards or do not meet training standards, and the responsibility and authority to develop and implement medical policies and procedures. The medical director's qualifications, responsibilities, and authority must be delineated in writing within each system. Ideally, the medical director will be a board-certified emergency physician.

In order to meet requirements and CAAS compliance, TCMIH has already entered into contractual agreement with Dr. Christopher C. Hill DO, ACEP, AAEP, ACOEP, AOA, AMA.

Dr. Hill serves as the Medical Director for EMETS, a paramedic/EMT education/training company in Brevard County and for EMETSEEI Institute Inc in Rockledge, Florida. He is concurrently working at Rockledge Regional Medical Center Emergency Department and enjoys teaching in the clinical setting.

Dr. Hill is currently a member of the American Academy of Emergency Physicians, American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians, and American Osteopathic Association.

Training
Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine/Doctors Hospital Emergency Medicine Residency and Track Internship

Education
Nova Southeastern University, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Florida Atlantic University, BS Biology

Accreditations/Affiliations
ACEP, AAEP, ACOEP, AOA, AMA

Communications

TCMIH will staff a 24 hour a day dispatch center with dispatchers who are professional, caring and multi-task oriented. They will be responsible for making sure all requests for service are handled in a prompt and courteous manner. The dispatchers handle and maintain all internal and external communication between TCMIH and those agencies requesting ambulance transportation. They are responsible for accepting, coordinating, and screening all requests for service and will remain in radio contact with the crew from start to finish in each transport.

Equipment

As a private Non- profit service organization, a significant portion of our capital will be utilized in the purchase of equipment. Our equipment selection will be based upon the latest advances in the ambulance industry.

Ambulance

Currently we have one unit serving St. Croix with future operational plans to staff four Quick Response Vehicles, and four additional ALS ambulances typically Type III models allowing for additional room for complex equipment and staffing needs for more critical patients. Our expansion intent will cover all of the USVI to include St. Thomas and St. John.

Twin City Care
Mobile Integrated Healthcare

EPCR

To safeguard patient care documentation and best comply with the continuing regulations set forth by Medicare/Medicaid for comprehensive medical necessity documentation TCMIH will be using electronic run reports documentation.

Quality Assurance

In the dictionary the word Quality is defined as “an inherent or distinguishing characteristic; or a degree or grade of excellence”.

At TCMIH "Quality" will be the benchmark for our day to day performance. We believe quality can be measured in many ways, from customer service surveys, on time performance measures, to clinical indicator reviews and run report accuracy just to name a few. To ensure that TCMIH remains focused on providing exceptional patient care from the request for service on through to the reimbursement cycle, we have established quality assurance processes to create a culture in which quality, excellence and accuracy is our focus. To achieve this, each day we will look at the transports from the previous day and review how we performed. We will measure our on-time performance, looking at each run report line-by-line to ensure we have met our protocol requirements. We will make certain the crews have gathered the appropriate information allowing us to properly bill on behalf of the patients while maintaining compliance with all Medicare, Medicaid and other healthcare regulations.

Medical Necessity

Health Insurance providers and Medicare in particular, have strict guidelines on what they will cover and what is deemed as "medically necessary".
For the service to be determined medically necessary, the patient's medical condition at the time of transport must be such that any other means of transportation would have placed the patient at risk for harm or deterioration.
In addition, Medicare and Medicaid have guidelines requiring all non-emergency ambulance transports from a hospital, nursing home, physician's office, out-patient facility or clinic to obtain a Physician's Certification statement (PCS). We will collect this statement at the time the request for service is received as part of our normal practice.

Stand By / Special Events

TCMIH will provide both committed and non-committed ambulance standby / first aid station support during sporting events, community gatherings, concerts, fairs, parades, and other public and private events.

Code of Conduct

TCMIH will attribute its success and reputation to the ethical standards that our employees will set forth in their day-to-day actions. Healthcare is a challenging field of endeavor, yet we know we must meet each challenge with the highest level of integrity and resolve, not with shortcuts.

Operational Code of Professional Conduct

The primary goal of TCMIH is to ensure that all employees provide competent, safe and ethical specialized transportation to the citizens of the Virgin Islands. TCMIH has adapted this Code of Professional Conduct to define a set of professional standards that will augment the technical and clinical aspects of our duties.

Twin City Care
Mobile Integrated Healthcare

Twin City Care, Inc.

Three Year Expansion Prospectus.

March 10, 2018

Dear Mr. Epstein:

In the ever-changing world of reimbursements for patient transportation, a means of cost effective non-emergency medical transportation has emerged. It is the birth of this cost effective non-emergency Ambulance Transportation business that has shown the most growth since President Clinton signed the Medicare Reform Act. In this proposal, we will provide information on our proposed expansion of our non-emergency Medical Ambulance service to include the following.

- Definition
- Competition
- Launch Strategies
- Public Relations
- Success Metrics and Rates
- Funding

Thank you for allowing us to provide you this information. As you will see an opportunity is available to assist in funding this ever-growing business demand in the USVI.

Sincerely,

Jeffery D. Gilliard, BS NRP/CCEMTP/FPM
CEO
Twin City Care, Inc.

Past

Prior to TCMIH there were no Advance Life Support Ambulance providing interfacility service on St. Croix and the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital was left on numerous occasions with patients who were discharged tying up beds. Transports for Patients who need stretcher services were being transported by the 911 emergency ambulances after no alternatives were provided. The research show that an overwhelming number of patients that need stretcher transportation and medical monitoring could not be provided by the current services on St. Croix.

Present

Presently, the competitor, Wheel Coach Services, hasn't the ability or the authorization to bill the customers insurance and in many cases the patients and family members will have to pay for their own ambulance / stretcher transportation home. The request for Non-emergency ambulance services has experienced an increase on St. Croix 88-92% and has been channeled through the 911 system. Today we also find a lack of Non-emergency ambulance services to provide timely transportation. This constantly creates a multi-tiered domino effect when patients cannot be moved out of the hospital. Discharged patients are tying up valuable beds, family members are angry and receiving facilities are not going to accept late patients. Current reimbursements of ambulance services that are medically necessary are at 100% if filed correctly.

Future

With the present situation of the Governor Juan F. Luis & Lester Schneider Hospital the need to mobilize patients frequently, has caused a growth spurt within the district of St. Croix, St. Thomas, St. John and will continue to grow. This growth will be perpetuated by the hospitals need to transport patients from its facility to either a nursing home or home healthcare. Twin City will currently fill part of the void by providing non-emergency and urgent advance life support ambulance transport to and from JFLH, nursing homes and other health facilities / organizations which would avoid much needed bed delays.

Service Definition

Non-Medical Stretcher service is stretcher patient transportation that requires no medical attention or treatment. The service is provided by utilizing a high-top van with a stretcher mounted in the back or transport of a patient in an ambulance without providing basic medical care / monitoring and is being provided by Wheel Coach Services locally. Twin City will provide Ambulance services which are categorized in the following manner and staffing patterns:

1. ALS ambulance services – One (1) AEMT and One (1) EMR or EMT
2. ALS 2 ambulance services – One (1) Paramedic and One (1) AEMT or EMT

Competition

Presently, there is no competition for Twin City. All non-emergency ambulance and non-medial stretchers are regulated through the Virgin Islands Department of Health and Wheel Coach Services that are currently the only provider of the non-medical stretcher. Since 2003 to this date Wheel Coach is unable to provide non-emergency ambulance service on the island of St. Croix. It is very feasible to conduct successful non-emergency ambulance operations with the local hospitals (JFLH), fee for service (Medicare, Medicaid, Private Insurance, self-pay).

Positioning

It is the goal of Twin City Care, Inc. to operate a Mobile Integrated Health Service which consist of; non-emergency and emergency ambulance, specialized transport, community health and mobile phlebotomy service within the USVI. Contracts for fees for service, and subscription service, shall be sought with the major Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Casino's, Tourist Bureau and the Community at large. It is our contention to provide excellent customer service. Considering the numerous complaints of the lack of current service we feel that by instituting a policy that provides performance parameters that meets the customers' needs we will be highly successful in our goal. It is our intention to provide a two-hour window and true scheduled pick up times. According to customer surveys, they desire performance and reliability. Ambulance rates are payable by Medicare at $221.00 base rate and $7.31 per mile, the average ambulance call per day at Twin City is four. We expect to double that within the first month. We will also work with the local physicians to transport all qualifiable patients by ambulance, such as those who are on oxygen or those who need non-emergency and urgent transportation to the hospital. We shall also offer to the people of St. Croix a subscription service for ground ambulance, where if they need an ambulance they receive no bill.

Expansion Launch Strategies

It is our intent to expand Twin City Mobile Integrated Health with two ambulances operating per day, Mon-Fri and one on the weekends, by salaried personnel on St. Croix and St. Thomas. Once these units are at 85% capacitance, a third unit will be added. Along with the third unit, a marketing strategy should be launched in the St. Johns area. Under this expansion project employees and starting salary ranges would consist of the following:

4 fulltime Receptionist / Secretary / Dispatcher, $25k/year each
1 Salaried Chief Executive Officer / Paramedic, $100k/year
1 Salaried Medical Director, $125k/year
1 Salaried Human Resource Director, $75k/year
1 Salaried Chief Operations Officer (Paramedic) $85k/year
1 Salaried Supervisor / Customer Care Advocate (Paramedic or Advance EMT) $75k/year
12 Fulltime Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) $45k/year each = $450k/year
9 Part time Advance Emergency Medical Technician $55k/year each = $495k/year

All calls received after hours, will be answered by the COO / Director and / or Supervisor and immediately ran by the two of them if it cannot be scheduled.

A billing / collection Director will handle all billing. This employee will be paid a salary and a percentage of the daily collections with accurate billings. This will be the driving incentive to do a superior job and keep the revenues high.

Public Relations / Advertising

Through research, it has been recognized many organizations fail to realize that there are three (3) customers in this business. The customer that rides on the stretcher deservers friendly and efficient service. The second customer is the facility requesting patient transport. The third customers are the staff that transports the clients in a timely, professional and courteous atmosphere. These customers deserve prompt quality service as well as friendly and efficient service.

It has been found through research, that the company that makes public relations Priority One has been very successful. With the healthcare profession being a tight circle of professionals, the word will quickly spread of the fast, friendly, and efficient service that is being provided. Once this reputation is established, and maintained, the advertising will be a part of each associates daily activities and duties.

Twin City Mobile Integrated Health Services will also align itself with organizations, whose clients will utilize our service. Such organizations would be local Hospice, Rehabilitation, Casino, Hotels, Cruise Lines and Retirement Groups. The company would also be joining other professional organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, American Ambulance Association, National Association of EMTs and Rotary Club.

Twin City Mobile Integrated Health Services will also provide Community paramedicine (CP) which is an emerging healthcare profession. It allows paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) to operate in expanded roles to provide healthcare services to underserved populations. It is a way to improve rural emergency medical services (EMS) as well as address the healthcare needs of the community.

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1.0 Executive Summary

The purpose of this business plan is to raise $10,000,000.00 for the expansion of our Mobile integrated health service while showcasing the expected financials and operations over the next five years. Twin City Care, Inc. is a US Virgin Islands based corporation that will provide non-emergency ambulance, mobile phlebotomy, Community Health and specialized medical transportation services to people in its targeted market.

1.1 Products and Service

Twin City intends to provide non-emergency medical transportation of people to hospital, physicians, physical Therapy clinics, and outpatient centers. TCMIH will be able to attend both urgent and non-urgent call. The business will receive a majority of its income from publicly funded healthcare systems and private insurance companies.

1.2 The Financing

Twin City is seeking to raise $10,000,000.00. This funding is primarily for expansion cost, relocation and current office maintenance / repairs. During the storm (Hurricane Maria) we suffered severe damage to our current place of operations. The funding requested should assist our organization to:

1. Make repairs to our interior walls, purchase furniture
2. Replenish radio communication
3. Purchase additional communication equipment (Dispatch Computers)
4. Purchase additional ambulances, 2 Quick Response Units and 2 Supervisors Units
5. 2 years Operational Funds
6. Office supplies
7. Medical supplies
8. General Operational Costs

Twin City has already purchased its first ambulance and will have it in comission by April 2018.

1.3 Management Team

Twin City Care, Inc. was co-founded by Eugene Phipps, Jeffery D. Gilliard, and Jerry Galloway together we have a combined experience of over 90 years in the emergency medical field and 31 years' experience in Non-emergency medical transportation (see Curriculum Vitae's). Through our expertise and knowledge, we will be able to bring the services of this business to profitability with its first year of operations.

TWIN CITY CURRENT FINANCIAL SHEET:

Radio Communications				
Radio Service				**$250.00**
Dispatch Center				**$2,500.00**
		Annual Total		**$30,250.00**

Radio Communications				
Mobile Radio	**4**	**$2200.00 ea.**	**$8,800.00**	
Port. Radio	**5**	**$1800.00 ea.**	**$9,000.00**	
Tablets/ mounts	**4**	**$3,000.00 ea.**	**$12,000.00**	
		Total Cost		**$29,800.00**

Tele- Communications				
Telephone	**Office**			**$220.00**
Fax	**Office**			**$110.00**
Cell	**Operations**	**X 3 AT & T**	**$100.00/ month**	**$300.00**
Internet	**Office**	**Broad Band**	**$400.00 / Month**	**$400.00**
Internet	**Mobile**	**AT& T**	**$500.00 / Month**	**$500.00**
		Annual Total		**$6,730.00**

Facility Rental				
				$3,500.00
		Annual Total		**$42,000.00**

Utilities				
WAPA				**$1,200.00**
		Annual Total		**$28,800.00**

Office Supplies				
Printing Advertising		**$125.00/week**		**$500.00**
Direct Mail		**$20.00/week**		**$80.00**
Brochure		**$375.00/week**		**$1,500.00**
Advertising		**$150.00/week**		**$600.00**
Website Advertising / Hosting		**$150.00/week**		**$600.00**
Promotional Materials		**$375.00/Month**		**$1,500.00**
		Annual Total		**$57,360.00**

Business License Expenses				
Bus. License				**$500.00**
Vehicle License				**$500.00**
Vehicle Ins.				**$3,000.00**
		Annual Total		**$4,000.00**

Staff Education				
Monthly	**$3,000.00**			**$3,000.00**
		Annual Total		**$36,000.00**

Staff Uniform				
	$2,500.00			**$2,500.00**
		Annual Total		**$2,500.00**

Ambulance Medical/Equipment Supplies			
ITEM	**Amount**	**Cost**	**Total**
ALS Medical Bag (BLUE)	**$462.00 ea.**	**$462.00 X 2**	**$924.00**
Trauma Bag (RED)	**$277.00 ea.**	**$277.00 X 2**	**$554.00**
Pelican Drug Box	**$510.00 ea.**	**$510.00 X 2**	**$1,020.00**
Power Stair Chair (RED) Ferno	**$6800.00 ea.**	**$6800.00 X 1**	**$6,800.00**
Combination Backboard/Scoop	**$950.00 ea.**	**$950.00 X 2**	**$1,900.00**
Head Immobilizer	**$130.00 ea.**	**$130.00 X 4**	**$520.00**
Pedi Board	**$180.00 ea.**	**$180.00 X 2**	**$360.00**
LifePak 15 Defib/ Monitor	**$27000.00 ea.**	**$27000.00 X 2**	**$54,000.00**
Multi-system BP Cuff	**$160.00 ea.**	**$160.00 X 4**	**$640.00**
Reeves Heavy Duty Stretcher	**$378.00 ea.**	**$378.00 X 2**	**$756.00**
Reeves First call bag	**$90.00 ea.**	**$90.00 X 2**	**$180.00**
IO Drill Kit (Hard case)	**$450.00 ea.**	**$450.00 X 2**	**$900.00**
CPAP Kit (MACS)	**$2500.00 ea.**	**$2000.00 X 2**	**$4,000.00**
Thomas EMS Pedi Braslow Bag	**$1320.00 ea.**	**$1320.00 X 2**	**$2,640.00**
	Total		**$75,194.00**

Ambulance 2017			
Chassis	**Cost ea.**	**Amt.**	**TOTAL**
Sprinter Ambulance 2018	**$245,617.74**	**1**	**$245,617.74**
Including Shipping			
Including Graphics			
Stretcher (Ferno)			
	Total		**$245,617.74**

		Intial Project Cost	**$558,251.74**

1.4 Current Assets

Twin City Care, Inc. has current assets consisting of training equipment, 1-2017 Ambulance, EMS Equipment, office furniture and supplies for a total of $358,811.74.

TWIN CITY EXPANSION NEEDS FINANCIAL PROPOSAL:

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		Annual Total		**$6,730.00**

Facility Purchase				
10000 Sqft Building				**$2,350,000.00**
		Annual Total		**$2,350,000.00**

Utilities				
WAPA				**$2,400.00**
		Annual Total		**$28,800.00**

Office Supplies				
Printing Advertising		**$125.00/week**		**$500.00**
Direct Mail		**$20.00/week**		**$80.00**
Brochure		**$375.00/week**		**$1,500.00**
Advertising		**$150.00/week**		**$600.00**
Website Advertising / Hosting		**$150.00/week**		**$600.00**
Promotional Materials		**$375.00/Month**		**$1,500.00**
		Annual Total		**$57,360.00**
		Annual Total		**$172,080.00**

Business License Expenses				
Bus. License				**$500.00**
Vehicle License x 6				**$3,500.00**
Vehicle Ins. X 6				**$18,000.00**
		Annual Total x 3 years		**$328,000.00**

Staff				
Education/Month	**$ 6,000.00**			**$ 6,000.00**
Wage/Taxes/Benefits/Month	**$ 1,430,000.00**			**$ 1,430,000.00**
		Annual Total x 3 years		**$ 4,296,000.00**

Staff Uniform				
	$ 10,000.00			**$ 10,000.00**
		Annual Total x 3 years		**$ 30,000.00**

Ambulance & QRV Medical/Equipment Supplies

ITEM	Amount	Cost	Total
ALS Medical Bag (BLUE)	**$462.00 ea.**	**$462.00 X 2**	**$924.00**
Trauma Bag (RED)	**$277.00 ea.**	**$277.00 X 2**	**$554.00**
Pelican Drug Box	**$510.00 ea.**	**$510.00 X 2**	**$1,020.00**
Power Stair Chair (RED) Ferno	**$6800.00 ea.**	**$6800.00 X 1**	**$6,800.00**
Combination Backboard/Scoop	**$950.00 ea.**	**$950.00 X 2**	**$1,900.00**
Head Immobilizer	**$130.00 ea.**	**$130.00 X 4**	**$520.00**
Pedi Board	**$180.00 ea.**	**$180.00 X 2**	**$360.00**
LifePak 15 Defib/ Monitor	**$27000.00 ea.**	**$27000.00 X 2**	**$54,000.00**
Multi-system BP Cuff	**$160.00 ea.**	**$160.00 X 4**	**$640.00**
Reeves Heavy Duty Stretcher	**$378.00 ea.**	**$378.00 X 2**	**$756.00**
Reeves First call bag	**$90.00 ea.**	**$90.00 X 2**	**$180.00**
IO Drill Kit (Hard case)	**$450.00 ea.**	**$450.00 X 2**	**$900.00**
CPAP Kit (MACS)	**$2500.00 ea.**	**$2000.00 X 2**	**$4,000.00**
Thomas EMS Pedi Braslow Bag	**$1320.00 ea.**	**$1320.00 X 2**	**$2,640.00**
	Total		**$75,194.00**
	Total x 6 units		**$451,164.00**

Ambulance 2018

Chassis	Cost ea.	Amt.	TOTAL
Sprinter Ambulance 2018	**$245,617.74**	**1**	**$245,617.74**
Including Shipping			
Including Graphics			
Stretcher (Ferno)			
	Total for 4 additional units		**$982,470.96**

QRV Units 2018

Chassis	Cost ea.	Amt.	TOTAL
Ford F350 2018	**$145,266.88**	**1**	**$145,266.88**
Including Shipping			
Including Graphics			
Equipment Box			
	Total for 2 units		**$290,533.76**

Supervisor/Community Paramedicine Units 2018			
Chassis	**Cost ea.**	**Amt.**	**TOTAL**
Sprinter Ambulance 2018	**$245,617.74**	**1**	**$245,617.74**
Including Shipping			
Including Graphics			
Stretcher (Ferno)			
	Total for 2 units		**$982,470.96**
Total Funding Needed Expansion			**$9,978,299.68**
Total Funding Requested			**$ 10,000,000.00**

1.5 Summary

With your donation of $10,000,000.00, Twin City commits to aggressively expand during the next three (3) years of operation. The intentions are to purchase an operations facility, set up a mental health crisis hotline, purchase additional equipment and hire additional personnel. We also intend to implement marketing campaigns that will effectively target individual new customers within the territory. Due to our unique inside and immediate access to the market in which we are involved with, on a daily basis, we will be able to assist and provide guidance to the needs of our patients, constituents and future customers.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 4/1/2018 4:03:51 PM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re: Kim Jong Un's visit to China

Importance: High

I am curious to see what will be a reaction from Trump's administration and from Europe if Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi **do** visit Kremlin and possibly Kim's visit right after... Reunion of three socialist countries?

On Sun, Apr 1, 2018 at 11:52 AM, [redacted] wrote:

> Have you seen the full video? so interesting...
> See the beginning. Looks like a theater, they emote too much. It's funny!😂
> And also on 5:45 min when he meets XI Jinping before their diplomatic discussion meeting
>
> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQplQp0Gw7Y&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter_axioschina&stream=top-stories

From: Robert Trivers [redacted]
Sent: 4/11/2018 2:18:04 AM
To: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]; Gordon Getty [redacted]; Norman Finkelstein [redacted] david haig [redacted]
Subject: Trump set to dine with law professor Alan Dershowitz

Importance: High

My God

that Jewish Nazi is joining to join our Narcissistic Psychopath for dinner—how appropriate

https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/10/politics/donald-trump-alan-dershowitz/index.html

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From: Joichi Ito [redacted]
Sent: 3/18/2016 11:50:05 AM
To: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Anonymous after Trump

Importance: High

Are you tracking this?

http://mic.com/articles/138244/anonymous-just-made-good-on-its-war-against-donald-trump-in-one-massive-cyberattack?utm_source=policymicFB&utm_medium=main&utm_campaign=social#.arje8kJP9

From: Joi Ito [redacted]
Sent: 5/10/2016 3:44:04 PM
To: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Peter Theil / Trump

Importance: High

http://hill.cm/0p8MRzu

Sent from my iPhone

From: Alan Dershowitz [redacted]
Sent: 6/30/2016 2:45:27 PM
To: Martin G Weinberg [[redacted]; Gerald B. Lefcourt [redacted]; Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Fwd: media inquiry - FoxNews.com
Attachments: Screenshot 2016-06-29 13.50.26.png

Importance: High

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Zimmerman, Malia McLaughlin" <[redacted]>
To: "Alan Dershowitz" <[redacted]
Subject: media inquiry - FoxNews.com

Hi Alan

I was reading through the files related to the Jeffrey Epstein case, including the original criminal case where you defended Mr. Epstein, and saw a letter both you and Gerald Lefcourt co-authored on his behalf dated July 6, 2007.

The letter said "Mr. Epstein was part of the original group that conceived the Clinton Global Initiative, which is described as a project 'bringing together a community of global leaders to devise and implement innovative solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges.' Focuses of this initiative include poverty, climate change, global health, and religious and ethnic conflicts."

I just wanted to clarify if Mr. Epstein was on the board of directors or listed as a founder anywhere or on any paperwork associated with the foundation and if so, in what capacity. Also wanted to clarify what you specifically mean by being part of the original group.

I attached a screen shot of the exact passage I am referring to.

Thanks,

Malia

Malia Zimmerman
Investigative Reporter,
FoxNews.com

2044 Armacost Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90025

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From: Deepak Chopra [redacted]
Sent: 7/17/2016 7:26:43 PM
To: Jeff Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: A hilarious attempt by TE-A-ME to "Purify" Trump | A TE-A-ME Intervention - YouTube

Importance: High

The Indians are getting involved https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=share&v=hYy7qy2AQeo

Deepak Chopra
[redacted]

Super Genes: Unlock the Astonishing Power of Your DNA for Optimum Health and Wellbeing

Date: Wednesday, July 10 2019 08:07 AM
Subject: [redacted]
From: [redacted] <[redacted]>
To: Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>;

Dear Jeff,

I read the news papers today, I can't believe they arrested you again, you are the only man on the planet who would never be bad with any women as you love them too much.
It is so untrue what they are saying. If you need my support I am there.
I was 19 when I meet you with our wonderful commun friend HRH Prince Andrew and you would have never done anything wrong to me.

I meet the few lovely girls around you, they loved you and you were so good with them. They were bringing you ideas, creativity, a touch of youth in this very difficult world and happiness like a young can do.
Nothing more! Then of course I am sure they were happy to hope to become your girlfriend as women are always attracted by men of power!
I traveled with you to discuss my future in business, you introduced me amongst the most important scientists and neuroscientists in the world at Harvard University and you kindly advise me to continue to study. You also explained to me that life is hard and business is difficult.You were feeling I should study more. All your advises were so right. Thank you.

I feel sorry that these girls are only interested by your money. I feel sorry for that and they might be manipulated by people of power who wish to do bad to the Trump gouvernement.
Do you remember that you asked me to be your girlfriend, I was back in France after our trip together in Harvard, you tried to convince me on the phone, I refused and look today we stayed friends for ever. You never did anything wrong as these girls are mentioning, it was up to them to be involved with you sexually, it was their own decision, not your wish.

I don't know if you will read this message. I hope so.

Please receive my warmest wishes and love.
[redacted]

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From: Kathy Ruemmler [redacted]
Sent: 5/28/2018 10:56:02 PM
To: jeevacation@gmail.com
Subject: Middle Eastern Monarchs Look at the Trumps and See Themselves – Foreign Policy

Importance: High

http://foreignpolicy.com/2018/05/28/middle-eastern-monarchs-look-at-the-trumps-and-see-themselves/amp/

Middle Eastern Monarchs Look at the Trumps and See Themselves

America's Arab allies have always wanted to buy direct access to U.S. foreign policy, and they finally found a seller.

May 28, 2018

Ivanka Trump andJared Kushner at the presentation of the Order of Abdulaziz al-Saud medal at the Saudi Royal Court in Riyadh on May 20, 2017.(MANDEL NGAN/AFP/Getty Images)

Almost 20 years ago when I was a graduate student living in Cairo, I published an article in a Washington-based journal called *Middle East Insight*. The magazine had a solid reputation, with a knack for scoring interviews with important people. (In the same edition as my piece, titled “Egypt’s Next Generation,” there was an interview with Gamal Mubarak, son of long-term Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who had already begun his rise — though not yet his eventual fall — as heir apparent.) A few years later, *Middle East Insight* disappeared. When I heard the news, I figured the magazine was too niche for an expanding media environment, shrugged my shoulders, and went on with life.

I hadn’t thought about *Middle East Insight* until its onetime publisher, George Nader, recently exploded into the news as an international man of mystery at the center of an apparent attempt to covertly influence the outcome of the last American presidential election. It seems that in the span of not quite two decades, the guy who ran a small, likely not profitable, but influential policy magazine become a conduit between Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan of the Abu Dhabi, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, and Donald Trump’s closest inner circle, both after, and — crucially for special counsel Robert Mueller’s ongoing criminal investigation — before Trump’s election as U.S. president.

Nader's story is yet another example of the sleaze, greed, and influence-peddling that has come to seem ordinary in Trump-era Washington. But it also offers a view into a more extraordinary and unprecedented problem: a decision by some of America's closest allies in the Middle East to leverage their financial resources in common cause with a bunch of *ganefs* to influence U.S. foreign policy. It is a problem that can be traced back, in ways that haven't generally been understood, to Trump's son-in-law and senior advisor Jared Kushner and his mobile phone.

From the perspective of the leaders of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Israel (there is an Israeli angle to the George Nader story, but it isn't yet entirely clear), and Egypt, there was an entirely rational reason to support Trump's presidential bid and try to influence his approach to the Middle East: They did not like former President Barack Obama's Middle East policy. And while they likely understood that presidential nominee Hillary Clinton was more hawkish that the president she served as secretary of state, the Saudis, Emiratis, and Israelis were concerned that she would be tethered to the Iran nuclear deal and thus Obama's Iran policy.

They also believed that Clinton would be soft on Islamists. It is an article of faith in Egypt that she enabled the rise of the Muslim Brotherhood and Mohamed Morsi in 2011 and 2012. For countries in the Persian Gulf, Egypt provides strategic depth, and "losing" it to the Muslim Brotherhood was a major geopolitical blow. The Israelis, for obvious reasons, were deeply concerned about the accumulation of Islamist political power next door and blamed the Obama administration for abandoning Hosni Mubarak, thereby placing Israel's security in jeopardy.

With Trump, Washington's allies got a candidate and president who referred to the Iran nuclear agreement as the "worst deal ever," surrounded himself with people who either make no distinction between al Qaeda and the Muslim Brotherhood or are simply outright Islamophobes, and has forthrightly declared that the United States supports its friends in the fight against terrorism. Full stop. No caveats, buts, or howevers concerning human rights and the need for political reform. To them, this seemed a lot better than the appreciation of nuance and complexity that was a hallmark of the Obama administration.

Of course, even if an American president shares a given ally's view of the world, diplomacy does not stop. The job of ambassadors, foreign ministers, and other representatives of foreign governments is to keep the United States on their side. Traditionally, this is done through formal discussions with U.S. officials at the State Department, National Security Council, and Department of Defense; meetings with members of Congress; writing op-eds in influential media outlets; and informal channels of influence, notably the Washington social circuit of dinners, embassy garden parties, national day events and the like. No doubt there was a lot of this going on through the first year and half of the Trump administration. But as we now know, there was an entirely parallel effort to influence American foreign policy, and George Nader was at the center of it.

According to the *New York Times*, Nader and Elliott Broidy pitched a scheme to the governments of the UAE and Saudi Arabia in which Broidy would use his extensive contacts in Washington, especially in the White House, to shape U.S. policy toward Qatar, which the Saudis and Emiratis accuse of supporting the Muslim Brotherhood, funding extremism, and cozying up to Iran. Apparently, the Emiratis agreed to the arrangement. Clearly, putting the screws to Qatar's Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani is a high priority for the crown princes of Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi, who undoubtedly would not apologize for using every method and resource at their disposal to advance their countries' interests. What is the Trump administration's excuse, though?

The kind of influence-peddling in which Nader and Broidy were involved can be traced back to Jared Kushner. On Nov. 8, 2016, if not before, he was handing out his cellphone number to all kinds of people in Washington with little regard for the potential consequences and apparently little idea about who was genuinely powerful and who were just posers. No doubt that important people in certain countries had the mobile numbers of senior members of the Obama administration, plus their Gmail addresses, but there was something qualitatively different about the way Kushner was operating. He was essentially opening the door to a Trumpian culture in which there is no process, there is no vetting, everyone and anyone could be an asset, loyalty is the greatest quality second only to money, and there are always ways to get something done no matter what.

Trump's world does not operate the same way as Washington's major Middle Eastern allies, but there are some parallels that make stories like the George Nader affair possible. Trump's tendency to eschew the formal processes and procedures of government dovetails with the way in informal power, uncodified norms, and past practices shape governance and policy in places as diverse as Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Egypt, and Israel. These kinds of informal institutions exist in the United States as well; a lot of things have gotten done in Washington over the years because of the Harvard "old boys'" network or because that's the way it has always been done in the cloakroom. But informal networking has generally not guided the realm of foreign policy, which has always involved an exhaustive (and exhausting) interagency process. Kushner's willingness to hand out his digits signaled that Team Trump was open to doing things significantly differently from previous administrations, and U.S. allies along with people like Nader and Broidy took him up on it. The result was a $650 million contract for Broidy's security firm after he bent the ear of the president and others about the perfidy of the Qatari leadership.

From the vantage point of Middle Eastern capitals, in Trump's Washington, the secretary of state and the national security advisor are superfluous. You could go through Kushner or supplement by engaging in some "riyalpolitik." The influence business has been around

Washington for a long time. The amount of money that foreign governments expend on D.C. lobbying is staggering, but the Nader-Broidy scheme was an attempt to sell American foreign policy — which, as Mueller will soon remind everyone lest anyone in Trump's orbit forget, is different from selling real estate.

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Sent: 6/6/2018 11:32:09 AM
To: Jeff Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Lunch with Deepak I: LSD, Quantum Healing, and Plato | Psychology Today

Importance: High

FYI
https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/psyched/201806/lunch-deepak-i-lsd-quantum-healing-and-plato?amp&__twitter_impression=true

Lunch with Deepak I: LSD, Quantum Healing, and Plato

A skeptic and a mystic seek common ground. Part one of four.

Matthew Hutson
Posted Jun 04, 2018

In March, I attended a debate on the proposition "The more we evolve, the less we need God," With Michael Shermer and Heather Berlin for the motion and Deepak Chopra and Anoop Kumar against the motion. The next day I published an account titled "Do Not Debate Deepak Chopra" (subtitle: "He's not even wrong."). Soon after, Chopra reached out to me and invited me to lunch. In April I met him in his office at Deepak Homebase in Manhattan, we had lunch downstairs at ABC Kitchen, and returned to his office. This is a nearly full transcript of our two-hour conversation.

This is part 1 of 4. Here are parts 2, 3, and 4.

Matt: So, I'm curious why you invited me, what you wanted to talk about.

Deepak: I read your article, "Not Even Wrong." [Laughter.] That's been my label for a long time from a lot of people, so I thought I'd give you my perspective on what I think reality is and see if we can expand the conversation.

Matt: So the debate, it seemed like it was ships crossing in the night. The two sides were talking about different things and so I think it was clear to—or everyone else had one conception about what the debate was going to be about: the usefulness of the idea of God as conceived in monotheistic religions. Whereas the two of you were—it seemed like you were avoiding that debate and talking about something else.

Deepak: So let me give you a little background to that. The first time we were invited to the debate by the organizers—I didn't know who they were—the topic was, "As we evolve do we need religion?" So I called the organizers and I said, "Let me rephrase that if you don't mind. Can we say, 'As we evolve do we need religious experience?'" So they said "We don't know what that means." I said, as I look across the religions of the world, the common features I see are: Number one: transcendence—as a religious experience, not the dogma, not the ideology, not the institution—but transcendence, going beyond subject-object split. Number two: the emergence of platonic values as a result of that experience, like the desire to know the truth, goodness, beauty, harmony, love, compassion, joy, equanimity, gratitude and humility, wonder, curiosity. It's very human but it gets overshadowed by everyday experience. And number three: a loss of the fear of death, because that happens to experience, not to the consciousness in which that experience occurs. I think they didn't understand that, honestly, so they rephrased it as "Do we need God?" So I said, "Listen, before I even go there, can we have a conversation?" So they were very gracious. We all got together with the board or whatever and we had a conversation. I said, "Honestly, God is a very loaded term and if by God we mean some imagined deity or some dead white male in the sky then it's not something that we can even address because we don't have that conception of God as an imagined deity."

Matt: You mean that's not something you personally can address?

Deepak: Yeah I can't address it, nor can my partner. They said, "Well if you make that clear up front, then it's fine, but we still want to maintain God in the title." So I was keen to have this conversation because Michael and I have been going back and forth for 30 years now, and I thought, Michael's come to a very good place with me personally. So we agreed to the title. But if you go to the Eastern wisdom traditions—Buddhism, Vedanta, Shaoism, all the Eastern traditions—then God is pure consciousness, period. So the debate, you're right, they were talking about the mythical God and we were talking about that which is inconceivable as consciousness but makes every concept possible.

So I can give you a background on that because monotheistic religions are at war all the time amongst each other, and all of the problems in the world right now are a consequence of that. But nobody talks about "What is a religious or spiritual experience?" Hundreds of millions of people across the world don't have that idea at all that the monotheistic religions propose. In fact, if you go deep into the teachings of Buddhism, etc., the word God is not mentioned. Only consciousness is mentioned. Vedanta, only consciousness is mentioned. And it's a very different take on consciousness. So, if you'll allow me for a moment to explain that. So when I was a kid, I grew up in India with a father who was agnostic or atheist, who was trained in England as a cardiologist. He went on to become a very famous person. He discovered high altitude mountain sickness. When the Indian and Chinese army were fighting in Tibet he was putting catheters in people's hearts and measuring their cardiac pressures. He described high altitude pulmonary edema and hypertension. My mother was what you might call a Hindu. But even when she told us stories as kids and she talked about all these mythical gods and goddesses, she emphasized the fact that these are mythical, imaginary, symbolic expressions of deep aspirations in human consciousness to understand reality. Now she was also, by the way, she wasn't a very educated woman like my father was. But she had enough ideas in her upbringing to say that the world you experience as everyday reality is not real. She would say that probably because she had heard it an amount of times. But when you're a child, that sticks with you, that the world you experience is not real. So that's my childhood background until I went to medical school. Medical school, I embraced everything that my father had taught about reality being physical, material. He was actually more than—he was almost like Michael Shermer in the earlier days when I was growing up.

Matt: How did your parents get along?

Deepak: Oh he was a very loving person.

Matt: Completely different philosophies.

Deepak: Yeah but he was an amazing person in terms of being a physician. I mean this is long before technology. He could listen to a heart with a stethoscope and tell you, which you may or may not know, the PR interval, which means the difference in microseconds between the atrial and the ventricular beat, which you could verify on an electrocardiogram. He was astonishing as a diagnostician. He trained with Wallace Brigden in England who was one of the earlier pioneers in electrocardiography. He was a consultant to the royal heart hospital to the queen at one time before he came back to India, the British army. So, he was an amazing person but he was also very compassionate. On weekends he would see patients free of charge, and my mother would cook food for them and make sure they had enough money for their bus or their train. So there was a very compassionate aspect to him, but he didn't believe in religion or anything like that.

So then when I went to medical school I totally embraced my father's constructs. Except for one or two experiences during medical school, which was in India by the way. And it was one of the newer medical schools after British independence, called the Indian Institute of Medical Sciences, and it was funded by, amongst other people, the Rockefeller Foundation, and so we had lots of international faculty. So in my fourth year of medical school, when the Beatles were in India—that's George Harrison behind you, by the way, in a turban sitting next to me. So that is a later picture but the Beatles came to India in 1969, when I was finishing my medical school. I didn't know these guys at that time. But Sergeant Pepper's had come out, Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds, and we had four medical students as visitors to our classroom for the summer from Harvard. And they had with them a bunch of LSD. So my first experience was—and **I was just near 18, when we had the first LSD experience**. And then another one. Twice. And suddenly what my mother had been saying all these years about the world being an illusion was in the way an epiphany to me, at the age of 17. I mean I saw that the construction of—dissolving of boundaries like this, this, this and melting away. And then just colors and shapes and forms and sounds. And then a vast nothingness with no boundaries. But I was there. Not as a body, not as a mind, not as anything I could identify with, but just totally boundless. It was totally life-shifting at the age of 18 years. But then what happened is the medical school is very busy. You have to study, pass exams, this, that. And I put that aside, that experience side.

Then at the age of 22, I came to the United States, and I had to do a lot of hardship to get here. My father wanted me to follow in his footsteps and be an academic. He was a professor, too, of cardiology. So I worked hard. India wasn't encouraging people to leave. I had to go to Sri Lanka to pass my exams, I had to borrow money to get a flight to the United States, I passed all that, I had to spend a year in New Jersey at a very ordinary community hospital, hard-working, and I got a residency in Boston with various hospitals with academics. So, Harvard, Tufts, BU, internal medicine, hard work, no thinking about consciousness whatsoever. Just passing one exam after another, getting one fellowship after another.

And then I came here in 1970, July 1, basically as an intern in a hospital that no longer exists in New Jersey, MuhlenbergHospital, but then in the next year I got into all these academic institutions in Boston and went from one to another. I trained in internal medicine. And then I had heard vaguely of a discipline called neuroendocrinology, and I had also heard vaguely of this new revolution in medicine at that time, which was looking at peptides in the circulation. And the peptide that was very popular at that time was something called opiates, which are now popular again, and the opioid receptor, with somebody called George Solomon in Washington, who was an expert in that, but I discovered that the number one guy in the world in neuroendocrinology at that time was a professor at Tufts New England Medical Center, and his name was Seymour Reichlin and he was a legend. Okay, so, if you found a snake in his garden he would dissect it and look at the hypothalamus and identify receptors for opioids, serotonin, this and that. I'll show you his photo recently. I just met him the other day at the consciousness conference, which is bizarre because I hadn't met him in all these years. He's 94, and he was giving a lecture on serotonin and mystical experiences, at the age of 94, and he came to my lecture, and he was one of the most amazing guys in the world, actually. It was a real joy to meet him. This is him, let me show you. Anyway I'll show you his photo in a second. He's 94, he gives talks on serotonin, but he was a legend.

I got a fellowship with him, and through him I met somebody who is no longer alive, Candace Pert, who had actually discovered the opioid receptor, and she and I met at a conference. She later became the chief of brain chemistry at the NIH. And she told me these molecules that we're talking about, serotonin, opiates, oxytocin, dopamine they are the molecules of emotion. So that's the first time I've heard that expression. I said, "You should write a book about it." She did. I wrote the foreword and it was for me one of the milestones of my life. And so I applied to Reichlin's fellowship and I got it, and it was like the most prestigious thing you could get.

But then I had my own issues with medicine. Is this interesting to you? So I had my own issues, including the fact that I was seeing patients and I can see that the response was not predictable. You could give two patients the same disease and they had completely different outcomes. So at least in human beings, we didn't respond predictably. As does always occur, the bell-shaped curve, which there is to everything now. So, I started getting interested in mind-body medicine, and I would say I probably coined the phrase. In 1985 I wrote a book which nobody would accept, no publisher would accept, so I published it on my own, called Creating Health: Exploring the Mind-Body Connection. The book then was picked up by Houghton Mifflin and became at national bestseller. And I wrote another book called Quantum Healingwhich was vilified by the medical establishment because I was basically proposing, long before anybody was talking about entanglement, I was talking about the entanglement of mind, body, neuropeptides, molecules of emotion, etc., etc., from my own experience. But the books did very well with the lay public. The New England Journaldid a good review of *Quantum Healing* in 1988, but basically **I'm still ridiculed for it by the regular medical establishment.**

Matt: Were you talking about quantum entanglement—

Deepak: I wasn't using the word quantum entanglement. I was talking about the fact that thoughts and molecules are inseparable, basically, and that between a thought and a molecule there's a gap, and that gap is consciousness. It's now 30 years since the book, and Rudy was my co-author. He's a neuroscientist at Harvard and the head of neuroscience at Mass General. He wrote the foreword to the reissue of *Quantum Healing*, which I'll send you, but it's almost now quaint with all that we know of now. But I used that word which annoyed a lot of people, including Richard Dawkins, who ridiculed me, and I said, "Listen, I'm using it as a metaphor."

All science, I was saying, was a metaphor anyway, but it was then that I also got very interested in meditation. And then I went to India, and I spend about 10 years in India talking to these teachers, basically, of consciousness, where consciousness is fundamental reality, it is beyond thought or experience, and the word they use is pure consciousness. So I went through an experience with a teacher of meditation who basically asked me questions like I can ask you right now. What is this? [Matt: "It's a glass."] And what's this? [Matt: "Flower."] And what's this? [Matt: "A candle."] What's this?" [Matt: "A Sharpie."] "What's this?" [Matt: "A hand. Did I get them all right?"] So far. I said the same thing. But I was having a conversation with somebody, and he said to me, "Those are human constructs." And I was trying to tell this person, who was a meditation teacher, I was telling him about the molecules of emotion. Serotonin. He said they're not real.

So that got me thinking, okay, and I seriously went into wanting to experience pure consciousness, which they all talk about, as transcendence, beyond subject-object split. So, this person that I had this conversation with, he said, "If you were a baby and you had no language, not exposed to any language, this would not be a hand. This would be a shape, a form, a color, maybe a smell, a texture, a sensation, as an activity of consciousness. But then you would be told, 'This is a hand, you have a body,' and then you would have an interpretation of that experience, which you would call a thought. And then you would also be told, 'This is your body. You have a mind. You're Indian. And you come from a Hindu family.' All social constructs. Fundamental reality is sensory perception, which is an activation of consciousness, and its interpretation is thought. The rest is a story. Mind, body, and even universe is a story." **Well, that was pretty mind-boggling for a young person at the age of 35.** I'd already trained now, here. Slowly, that lead to how one construct leads to another construct. Okay, so this is an iPhone. It's matter. Well I have now reified sensory experience in consciousness, an activity of consciousness in consciousness, with a construct, iPhone. Then I reify it further, made of matter. And now this is very convenient. I can study it. It's made of molecules, made of atoms. So one construct leads to another construct, particles. Then you get ultimately to possibility waves and then you're stuck again.

Okay [laughter], but along the chain, one construct built to another construct to another construct to another construct. Very useful. New York City is a construct. Latitude is a construct. Longitude is a construct. Time is it construct. Money is a construct. Wall Street is a construct. Religion is a construct. God is a construct. Universe is a construct, which you call a model, Okay. So, this led me to consciousness, exploring consciousness. Where now, you have—you know I just came from this conference, on the science of consciousness, where you have physicalists, you have dualists, you have panpsychists, you have idealists, and they're all arguing about the constructs.

So the physicalists are now in a difficult position, because they're trying to explain consciousness with the construct of physicality, and you can't. Because physicality itself is a construct. Then you have the idealists going back to Plato who are saying it's all mental. But even mental ideas are constructs. Then you have the dualists, Descartes, the two are separate, mind and body. But then how do you explain their interaction? It violates simple laws like thermodynamics. If mind is separate and body is separate, how do I lift my arm? I start with a thought so I do this. How do I speak, how do I walk, how do I do anything? So, dualism doesn't make me happy. Idealism doesn't make me happy. Physicalism, I don't know what matter is anymore.

I interviewed the Nobel laureate Wilczek, physicist from MIT. So I said, "What is matter?" "It's particles." I said, "What are particles, subatomic particles?" He says, "They are little things." I said, "But then everybody says that's a wave potential, that's in Hilbert space. What is that? Where is Hilbert space?" He says, "It's mathematical." "What is it?" "It's infinitely dimensional or zero dimensional." "Where is it?" The usual answer is "Shut up and calculate," right? So I realized that the entire new paradigm of multiverse, superstrings, eternal inflation, whatever, is all in mathematical imagination. Hilbert space is in mathematical imagination, the wave potential is in mathematical imagination. I said to Wilczek, "What is matter?" And he said, "We're still trying to figure that out." [Laughter.] **I**

mean this is coming from a Nobel laureate who discovered a particle, you know. So I ended up where I began, which is non-dualism, that there is only consciousness.

Matt: Isn't that idealism?

Deepak: Idealism comes out of non-dualism.

Matt: So there are two types of monism [non-dualism]. There's materialism and then there is idealism. [Each holds that] there's only matter or there's only consciousness.

Deepak: Okay then we can say idealism is closest to non-duality. They don't use that word in the East. Let's go for lunch. [We head downstairs.]

Deepak: With idealism one usually relates to Plato in the West or to Bishop Berkeley and all those guys, you know. But basically, what idealism espouses, it's mental. But non-dualism says even mental is a construct. When you say mental you have words. As soon as you have a word for an experience it's no longer fundamental.

Matt: Non-dualism is a construct too.

Deepak: If I have to use words, yes.

Matt: There's no getting away from constructs.

Deepak: No, there is a way of getting away from constructs. It's called transcendence. Shut up and just be.

Matt: We never stop filtering experience—

Deepak: Every experience is filtered through given constructs. There is no getting away from it. But then we start looking at consciousness—let's find our table. [We find our table.]

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Did you see the entire Kanye West soliloquy in the Oval Office with Trump and Jim Brown? I am using that clip in my Talent & Creativity class when we discuss "Creativity & Psychopathology." In Psychiatry, the formal terms that apply are "flight of ideas," "pressured speech," "delusions of grandeur,", and "clang associations." A truly great example of Hypomania. There's an interesting book on hypomania and success in America today.
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The poem we'd read and interpret together is by Pulitzer Prize winner Sharon Olds, and it's called "The Language of the Brag." It's a gutsy poem that compares feats of (male) athletic prowess—and feats of poetic prowess—to childbirth. You are the ideal reader for this poem. We would use what we filmed together in an upcoming season of *Poetry in America.* We would also use the content in an online course for medical professionals I am creating in partnership with Harvard Medical School. Everything we create would be non-commercial and educational.

Thank you for considering this request. I would be very honored to work with you.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey Epstein settles one suit, but more to come

By CURT ANDERSON
The Associated Press

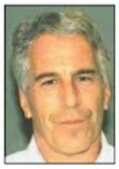
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A decade ago, Florida financier Jeffrey Epstein pleaded guilty to sex crimes involving underage girls and got 13 months behind bars.

What the public and his accusers didn't know at the time was that he had secretly struck a deal with federal prosecutors that spared him from charges that could have put him away for the rest of his life.

When the deal finally came to light years later, it immediately raised suspicions that Epstein — a man who counted Bill Clinton and Donald Trump among his friends and had some of the finest legal talent in America as his lawyers — had used his wealth and political connections to win special treatment.

Epstein is also a resident of the Virgin Islands as owner of Little St. James Island off the East End of St. Thomas. He is listed on the V.I. sex offender registry as a result of that 2008 Florida conviction.

Allegations against him flared anew in recent weeks as news organizations, led by The Miami Herald, published interviews with the alleged victims and took a closer look at Alexander Acosta, who as the U.S. attorney in Miami in 2008 approved the secret deal. Acosta is now President Donald Trump's secretary of Labor.


Jeffrey Epstein

On Tuesday, a lawsuit that many had hoped would expose some of the lurid allegations against Epstein by putting some of his accusers on the stand ended abruptly in a settlement just as jury selection was about to begin.

But the attempt to get to the bottom of the Epstein case and how he managed to get such a light sentence is not over: Some of his accusers are pursuing a separate legal effort to nullify the plea agreement and, they hope, expose him to federal prosecution again.

"That injustice needs to be addressed and will be addressed," said Jack Scarola, one of the attorneys lined up against Epstein. "There is no justification for the broad scope of immunity that was granted."

Epstein, 65, reached the non-prosecution deal with Acosta's office while under investigation on suspicion of sexually abusing at least 40 teenage girls. Under the deal, he pleaded guilty to two state charges, did his time in jail, paid settlements to many of the alleged victims and registered as a sex offender.

He could have faced a far more severe penalty if federal prosecutors had pursued a draft 53-page indictment that was never filed and included sex trafficking charges.

Some of Epstein's accusers are now arguing that their rights were trampled under a federal law that says crime victims must be informed about plea bargains.

One of Epstein's lawyers, Roy Black, has said there was no conspiracy to violate victims' rights, and the plea agreement was "no sweetheart deal by any stretch of the imagination."

Even if the plea bargain is nullified, the final decision on bringing charges would rest solely with the Justice Department.

On Tuesday, Epstein settled a defamation lawsuit brought against him by a lawyer for some of the accusers, Bradley Edwards, who said Epstein tried to derail his representation of the women and ruin his career. In settling, Epstein apologized and agreed to pay an undisclosed amount.

Edwards said some of the accusers — some of whom say they were 13 or 14 when they were molested — were prepared to testify in the lawsuit and may yet get their day in federal court.

"They're willing to talk. They want to share their stories," Edwards said.

Congressional Democrats are calling for an internal Justice Department investigation.

Rep. Lois Frankel, who represents the Palm Beach area, said Tuesday that Epstein "allegedly had dozens and dozens of young, vulnerable women, young women taken to his house where they were sexually exploited."

"I think what has been equally shocking is what I call an extreme minimal punishment for this man without really any public explanation as to why this happened," Frankel added.

Acosta has not commented about the case during the recent media coverage. He was asked briefly about the non-prosecution agreement at his Senate confirmation hearing.

"At the end of the day, based on the evidence, professionals within a prosecutor's office decided that a plea that guarantees someone goes to jail, that guarantees he register generally and guarantees other outcomes, is a good thing," he said.

According to court papers, Epstein had a Palm Beach mansion where girls were brought for what they were sometimes told were massage sessions. He allegedly had female fixers who would look for suitable girls, some of them recruited from Eastern Europe and other parts of the world.

Before the scandal broke, Epstein was friends with Trump and had visited the real estate developer's Mar-a-Lago resort. Trump told interviewers that Epstein was "a great guy." Records also show Clinton flew on Epstein's jet more than two dozen times.

One young woman alleged in court documents that Epstein shared her with his friends, including Britain's Prince Andrew, a charge denied by Buckingham Palace.

Epstein's legal team at various times included such big names as Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr and Harvard professor Alan Dershowitz.

Neither Trump nor Clinton has been accused of any wrongdoing related to Epstein.

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Lost paradise at the Palm House

The planned $91M hotel-condo project has been a case study in EB-5 fraud, leaving investors in the lurch and an unfinished building in its wake

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The Palm House

When Chinese, Iranian and Turkish investors received marketing brochures for the town of Palm Beach's first EB-5 project in 2012, it seemed like a sure thing.

Pamphlets in Chinese and Farsi showed photos of the Clintons and Donald Trump as part of the Palm House condominium and hotel advisory board of "political and business leaders with worldwide experience." In addition, the marketing materials named Celine Dion, Tony Bennett and billionaire Bill Koch as celebrity members at the hotel's club.

But more than six years later, the Palm House's planned $91 million makeover remains unfinished. The dilapidated 80,000-plus-square-foot hotel finally sold in a bankruptcy auction last month to a U.S. affiliate of the real estate investment firm London & Regional Properties for just shy of $40 million.

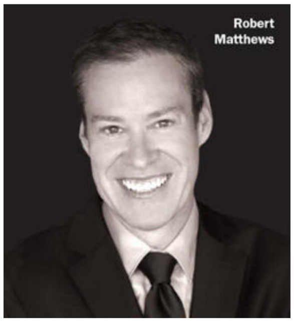
To add salt to the wound, Trump and Clinton were never on the project's advisory in EB-5 funding for personal expenses, including the purchase of a 151-foot yacht named "Alibi" and his own debt payments.

Matthews and the project's general contractor, Nicholas Laudano, recently pleaded guilty to fraud charges in federal court, while the 91 EB-5 backers lost their $500,000 investments and never received their green cards.

The EB-5 regional center in charge of marketing the Palm House project and soliciting the investments, however, has not been criminally charged. The South Atlantic Regional Center (SARC) and its director, Joseph Walsh Sr., were allegedly able to siphon nearly $9.5 million of the foreign investors' money, according to a civil complaint filed by the SEC in federal court.

To date, Walsh has only been charged civilly. He was allegedly even found recently trying to solicit other EB-5 investors for another hotel project in Miami Beach, per a lawsuit filed in Palm Beach County.

"This is the most egregious fraud case I have ever seen," said attorney David George, of George Gesten McDonald PLLC, who's representing EB-5 investors in the Palm House lawsuit.



Regional centers like SARC function as middlemen between developers and their foreign investors. But despite the key role they play in the EB-5 process, there's minimal regulation over how they operate and few safeguards to protect investors.

The current system, critics say, is a petri dish for fraud that allows bad actors to come and go — in many cases with no criminal prosecutions. At the same time, lobbyists for the real estate industry have pushed to ensure these rules remain in place.

"No one is watching the regional centers," said Doug Litowitz, a Chicago attorney who was not involved in the Palm House lawsuit but represents Chinese clients in other

Matthews, 61, gave investors the impression that he was a well-known luxury hotel developer with a global track record, including completed projects in New York, Bora Bora and Mexico. There is no evidence of him completing these projects.

Instead, his past dealings were mired in controversy and litigation, including another failed condo-hotel project in Nantucket called the Point Breeze that was forced into bankruptcy in 2010.

Matthews, who was raised in Massachusetts, moved to Connecticut in the mid-80s after dropping out of college and started buying up apartments and commercial properties in Waterbury. Locals there began drawing comparisons between Matthews and the fictional Jay Gatsby due to his ritzy parties and expensive tastes, according to the Hartford Courant.

He owned a 108-foot yacht named the Bon Vivant and claimed to possess North Carolina's original Bill of Rights, which had been stolen by a Union soldier in 1865 and was recovered by the FBI just over 10 years ago. Adding to the Gatsby comparisons, Matthews became close with Connecticut's then-governor, John Rowland, in the 90s.

The developer used his political connections to secure favorable contracts with the state government, allowing him to purchase government-owned property, among other things, according to the New York Times. To return the favor, Matthews allegedly bought a condo in Washington, D.C., from Rowland through a straw buyer in 1997 for nearly 20 percent more than what the governor had originally paid.

The condo sale and other business dealings eventually led to a corruption investigation into Rowland. But Matthews was never charged. So, he headed to South Florida where he first bought the historic Palm House — which needed substantial repairs — in 2006. Then six years later, Matthews began soliciting EB-5 investors for what he called Palm Beach's last opportunity to build a "five-star hotel."

investors generally function as individual lenders on those projects, but they rarely have a way to collect money if the project fails.

> **"This is not unlike any other industry that can produce a toxic product like the opioid industry or the tobacco industry. There is a powerful interest involved."**
> **MICHAEL GIBSON,** USADVISORS.ORG

"The whole thing has to do with corralling desperate people in China, who believe that Americans wouldn't lie to them out right," Litowitz said.

And while the program was designed to create jobs in rural and distressed regions known as "targeted employment areas," communities like Palm Beach — a top destination for wealthy retirees with a median household income of more than $110,000 — somehow met the same criteria.

Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity approved the Palm House project for such a designation in 2012 because Palm Beach had an unemployment rate of 18.5 percent, above "the qualifying rate of 13.4 percent for that time period," according to the state agency. Other EB-5 projects, including Hudson Yards in New York, the largest private real estate development in the country, were also able to take advantage of similar demographics.

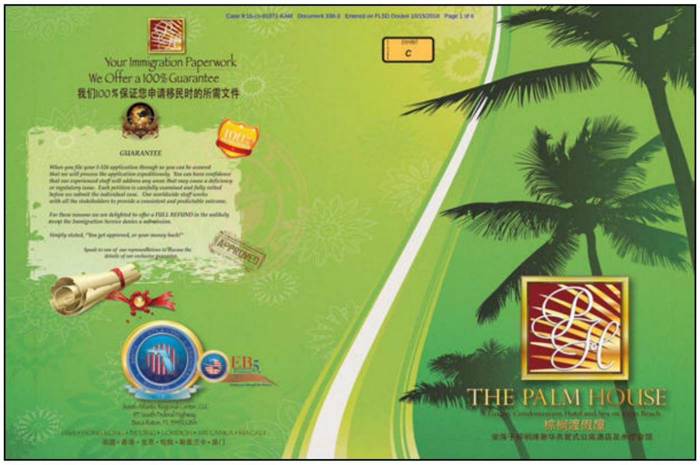
Without mentioning his past dealings in Connecticut or in Nantucket, Matthews touted his wife Mia Matthews' success as an actress, singer and star of the Nickelodeon show "Every Witch Way" and CW's "South Beach," which lasted all of one season. To further show off his connections and status in Palm Beach, he would take EB-5 immigration agents from China to a Mar-a-Lago charity event to meet Trump and take picture with him, according to a complaint filed by EB-5 investors in Palm Beach County Court.

The developer's investment pitch also failed to mention that it was actually his second time acquiring the Palm House. And there was no mention of the fact that

By the books?

To legally get EB-5 investors to put money into his project, Matthews was required to go through a regional center regulated by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services under the Department of Homeland Security.

So, he tapped Walsh — a South Florida resident who had a specious track record with development projects — to raise the money through SARC. While it's unclear how the two met, Walsh allegedly lent Matthews more than $5 million of the foreign investors' funds to keep his Palm Beach mansion from being foreclosed on.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In March 2014, Matthews sent Walsh an email to thank him for "saving [his] house," according to the SEC complaint.

As more developers turned to EB-5 for cheap financing after the financial crisis, more regional centers received approval from the USCIS. From late 2014 to June 2019, the number of regional centers in the U.S. jumped nearly 60 percent to 884, according to USCIS. At the same time, close to 300 regional centers have been shuttered since 2007.

That high failure rate among EB-5 regional centers stems from an approval process "really just needs a business plan and numbers to support the government's jobs projections and give the appearance that it is able to execute on that plan."

But a handful of legal experts argued that there's minimal oversight by USCIS during the course of most projects being built.

The agency is "inept at controlling the fraud," said Michael Gibson, managing director at the EB-5 advisory firm USAdvisors.org. "No one knows who the true owners of the regional centers [are,] and there is no information on any of this. How can you deter fraud when there is no way for anyone to do any due diligence?"

A spokesperson for USCIS said the agency has a team of auditors that conduct compliance reviews on regional centers and noted in an email to *The Real Deal* that it "does not release information on specific EB-5 applications, investors or related projects due to [the Privacy Act] and other restrictions."

"USCIS takes any violation of the law seriously, and we will explore all actions available to us to ensure the integrity of our immigration system," the spokesperson added. "Where instances of fraud are suspected or proven within the program, USCIS takes appropriate measures to deal with any actors involved in the fraud, including terminating regional center designation."

Regional centers have come under scrutiny for their roles in these EB-5 frauds in recent years.

USCIS shutdown Vermont's sole EB-5 regional center last year on the heels of the country's largest EB-5 fraud to date in the state's so-called Northeast Kingdom.

Elsewhere, in Jupiter, Florida, Nicholas Mastroianni — who's helped raise EB-5 funds for the Kushner family's real estate projects — was sued last October over his Harbourside Place development by nearly 80 Chinese investors who accused him of defrauding them. Mastroianni has denied these charges.

One of the underlying problems is that regional center

Solutions. In turn, regional centers do not have an obligation to protect investors' money if a development project sours.

"That's where the weak link of the chain is — there is no real enforcement of the fiduciary rule to protect investors," Latour added. "The regional center says, 'Hey I'm not responsible.'"

The USCIS spokesperson said the agency has terminated nearly 220 regional centers since January 2017, due to evidence of foul play.

But U.S. legislators have continued to kick the EB-5 program down the road, giving it about 20 short-term extensions with many lasting only six months. And industry lobbyists have aggressively pushed back against any reform. The EB-5 trade group Invest in the USA has spent nearly $1.8 million lobbying on the federal program's behalf since 2014, while the lobbying group for the Related Companies' EB-5 business spent more than $500,000 in 2018 alone, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

"This is not unlike any other industry that can produce a toxic product like the opioid industry or the tobacco industry," Gibson said. "There is a powerful interest involved. They don't want any oversight. They don't want information about their projects to come public."

Blurry middlemen

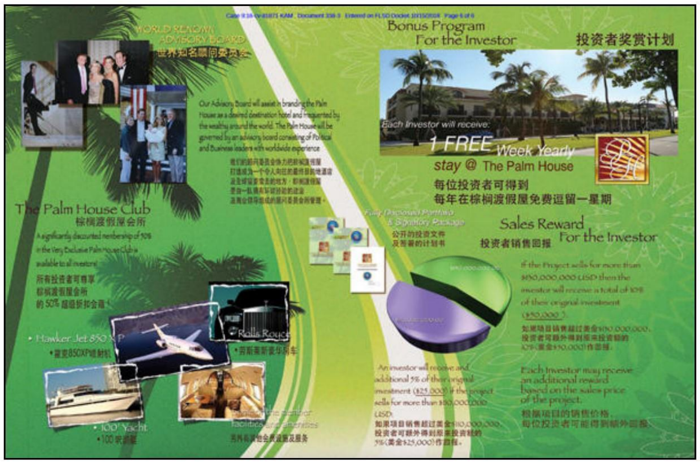
Unlike Matthews, whose background is well documented in local news, SARC's Walsh remains something of a mystery.

In the Palm House EB-5 marketing brochures, the smiling gray-haired regional center operator claims to have a background in advertising and electrical engineering. He also claims to have launched "several startup computer and graphics firms that he brought to the public markets in the late 1990s and early 2000s."

Walsh could not be reached for comment through his lawyer.

selling the mineral rights to 600,000 asteroids in space, an investor prospectus claimed.

Walsh's son did not respond to multiple requests for comment.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Despite proclaiming innocence, Walsh is not in the U.S. to face any charges, according to multiple sources. George, the plaintiff attorney, said SARC's founder is now either in Vietnam or Australia.

Walsh's success in getting foreign backers on board for the planned Palm House project, according to the SEC's complaint, was largely based on lies made to unsuspecting investors who believed the project carried minimal risk.

In bold font, one marketing brochure claimed that the EB-5 investor money would only be used for 43 percent of the project's total costs while the rest would be covered by a $29 million loan from a "reputable bank" and $22 million in equity from the developer.

None of that was true.

SARC also claimed the investors' funds would be held in an escrow account at PNC Bank until their green cards had been approved by USCIS and that the money wouldn't be touched until then. Investors were even sent photos of a PNC account

Fast withdrawals

As soon as deposits for the Palm House came in, Matthews, Walsh and Laudano, the project's general contractor, allegedly began to withdraw money for personal uses.

After Matthews was charged with using the account as a piggy bank, Walsh fired off a press release last year claiming he and SARC had been absolved.

"It saddens me to see the waste of time, money and talent, and the human and financial capital that these conspirators perpetrated in multiple courts and plain good old fashion lies to continue their charade for years," Walsh said in the release.

He even reportedly went a step further by hiring Brian Aryai, a certified accountant who claims to have worked as senior special agent for the Department of Homeland Security, to provide a detailed audit showing how the money was lost.

The report, meant to clear Walsh's name, noted that he moved $9.3 million from the Palm House account to his own company through more than 39 individual transactions between September 2013 and January 2015.

SARC's founder is now facing additional civil charges over an office condo project in Royal Palm Beach — another development SARC raised $6.5 million in EB-5 funds for.

"Walsh solicited and obtained investors for all of these projects," George said.

But USCIS didn't have to travel far to determine the unfinished project was a racket — the agency's local office sits directly across the street from the Royal Palm site, according to Google Maps.

"It's remarkable… These cases come and go, and there is no reform," said Gibson, who cited "egregious misuse of funds [while] the industry continues without a bump in the road."

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Patt Morrison Asks

Alan Trounson, California's Dr. Stem Cell

As president of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, the Australian is helping guide the state to a high-tech medical future.

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May 29, 2013

In 2004, with President George W. Bush dead set against stem cell research, California just went ahead and did it. Voters made stem cell research a state constitutional right, and endorsed $3 billion in bond sales for 10 years to cement the deal. CIRM, the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine created under Proposition 71, has become a world center for stem cell research, and its president is Australian Alan Trounson, a pioneer in in vitro fertilization. As Proposition 71 approaches its 10-year anniversary, Trounson offers a prognosis.

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It's been almost 10 years since California funded what may be the world's biggest stem cell research program. What are you up to?

We are working hard to get six or seven projects to clinical trials. We have more than 70 [total] programs moving [toward] clinical trials. It's a lot of work to chaperon.

I'll give you three examples: one, linking genetics, or genomics work, to stem cells, integrating the two. We're going to create a center in California that will bring a lot of [genetics] studies and clinical work to a new level.

Secondly, we've set up a structure for banking the 3,000 cell lines from "induced pluripotent stem cells" that we turn into the equivalent of embryonic stem cells. We call them IPS cells. You take a skin cell or blood cell and convert it to the equivalent of an embryonic stem cell.

We've also taken samples from patients with complex diseases, and we're banking these so scientists can "interrogate" these diseases — like heart disease, Alzheimer's, blindness. We are targeting a range of conditions — autism, cerebral palsy — for which we have scant understanding of causes and major drivers. This is material for long-term research studies.

What we're doing is meaningful. Somebody with cancer may have a better treatment. Parkinson's patients might be in a clinical trial around 2016, 2017.

Are Californians getting enough bang for their buck?

I think we're way ahead of what people predicted. Nevertheless, it takes a lot of time to do this. I think we're hurrying carefully.

What else?

I'm intending to set up a network of stem cell clinics in California in the next couple of years, to make treatments available as clinical trials or as registered treatments for patients. I'm going to ask the [CIRM] board for about $70 million to get that set up. It will make California a go-to place for stem cell therapies. I want to make sure it's part of our medical fabric.

An Oregon scientist reports that he has cloned human stem cell lines. Is Oregon doing something different from California?

The one thing that's different is that we can't compensate women adequately for donating eggs [as a source for creating a particular type of stem cell]. We can pay for the cost of drugs but not for the time and inconvenience. So that really does limit the number of women who would like to donate eggs to research, and that's a handicap. I think it would be very useful to develop those cell lines.

The words "cloning" and "human" together set off alarm bells for some people.

[Under Proposition 71] we can't do any reproductive cloning. We can't do it and we shouldn't do it — none of us wants to do that — but we would like to make those cell lines.

Is stem cell research highly competitive now, as it was in the 1980s, when you were beginning your work?

I don't think it's very competitive at all. There's a little bit of competition between California and Harvard, but that will always be the case, I suspect. What's important with [California's] $3 billion is that it's taken away a lot of the silliness of the competition — that you hold your data and you don't show anyone and you wait until you [get it published] in a journal. In Australia, there's very few funds for this kind of work and so it's extremely competitive — you don't know what others are doing even in the same laboratory. That's not the case in California. People are collaborating, and that's why we're moving so fast because we work together. Scientists like to reach out to other scientists.

Could embryonic stem cells become unnecessary because other cells can be just as adaptable?

Maybe longer term. IPS cells have a very strong memory of what they were, whether they were a blood cell or a skin cell. Embryonic stem cells don't. We have to find out whether IPS cells can [really adapt] or whether they'll be poor relatives of the embryonic stem cell. Embryonic stem cells are being used for therapy, but IPS cells are being taken from patients with different diseases to interrogate those diseases. They're not therapeutic at this time.

What surprises have you encountered?

I'm surprised all the time. That you can actually create a cure for HIV/AIDS with stem cells — that's in clinical trials [in Denmark] now. That we found how to jump a skin cell to a pancreatic cell or a cardiac muscle cell. Every month comes a new surprise, tumbling toward totally different medicine that we'll have in 30 or 40 years' time.

This work is still controversial. Your team in Australia created the technique that has allowed 5 million in vitro fertilization babies to be born worldwide. But you were still called a "baby murderer." Astrophysicists don't get that kind of reaction.

In the surveys I've seen across the U.S., you get 70% or 80% of people very much in favor [of stem cell and IVF work]. If we get cures or treatments for some of these debilitating diseases, which is going to happen over the next four or five years, people will embrace what's necessary to help a Parkinson's patient or someone who's got Type 1 diabetes. I'm not afraid of what some small sector feels outrage about. It's their right, but it's not the majority feeling.

Have you faced such personal criticism here?

Not really. Last year I was invited to the Vatican to present a paper, but when I sent in a summary of what I was going to say, they decided not to have it. They sent a check to the treasurer of California and the treasurer rang us up and said, "What the heck is this check from the Vatican for?" It was for the inconvenience!

Will California own patents from the research?

I expect there's a lot of intellectual property with some of these [treatments] that will be really big returns for California. But it'll take some time; the so-called blockbuster treatments will take 10 years or more. Gov. [Arnold] Schwarzenegger pointed a finger at me and said, "We're going to give you the opportunity to deliver this, but understand it's a 25-year gig." The feds put $3.8 billion into the human genome project and the return from that, according to a study, is about $1,400 for every dollar.

The big story about CIRM last year was its conflict-of-interest protocols. What's being done?

The [national] Institute of Medicine gave CIRM management strong positives. They had issues on conflict of interest. They felt if the [schools represented by] deans of medicine on the board were the recipient of CIRM [grants], they were potentially in a conflict of interest. The board decided to take away the [grant-making] vote for those [members, at least temporarily]. They also had a view that if the patient advocates [on the board] were strongly advocating for [research for] a disease, that was another kind of conflict. They [changed] some patient advocate roles in some grant selection process. I didn't see this as a problematic issue, but from the point of view of the Institute of Medicine, it didn't look right, and I can understand that. Much has been done to correct that.

You and your wife got married so that she could come here and work.

We didn't really feel it was necessary; we'd been together 20 years and have two lovely boys, but she couldn't come to America without being married to me. She's a scientist — not a stem cell scientist — but [once she got here] she couldn't work at universities in California because of [potential CIRM] conflicts of interest. So she's back in Australia, doing her work and loving it, but it's not optimum. But this is an important job which I promised to do.

Do you get letters from people with diseases asking for help?

All the time. I try to be supportive and send them to talk to the best people in that area. There would be dozens a week who write to me.

You have a heart condition; will this research one day benefit you?

I've got atrial fibrillation; I don't think it's going to help that. But I have a brother who has HIV/AIDS, and my mum died of lung disease.

What do you hear from your colleagues around the world about what California's doing?

They always say, "You've got the best job in the world. How did California do this?" That's California. California is a can-do place, and when they want something, they stand up and do it. Many of [my colleagues] want to come to California. It's just a wonderful place. You could sail it off the coast of America and it would be the most wonderful country in the world.

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Dear Woody,

As I know Jeffrey has told you, I really enjoyed our conversation on the plane last spring about William Carlos Williams's "This Is Just to Say." You offered a reading of the poem that seemed to me completely persuasive and plausible and, yet, also, one that is not strictly dictated or delimited by the lines themselves. These are lines that seem to me unusually open to divergent readings-- including, for instance, a reading much more coaxing and seductive; another, much more defensive and manipulative; another, much more about language itself as a mode of sharing. I left our conversation wanting to explore with you the aggressive (or maybe mock aggressive) reading you gave, as well as the way this poem, perhaps more than many, sustains so many readings. You helped me think about Williams's poem as it seems in some ways more like a "script" than a poem, a poem written in such a way as to be turned by different voices in different directions, a poem that might even be "directed" by the reader. I'd love to hear you read the poem again and, if you are willing, to discuss it a bit with me on camera for my upcoming Massive Open Online Course on American poetry.

To remind you, the course I'm working on is *Poetry in America*, one of three Humanities courses that will be launched internationally by edX in the next 18 months. This free course will allow students of all ages around the world to immerse themselves in the history, the art, and the interpretation of American poetry. Using state of the art tools, the course will combine text, video, audio, archival materials, on site historical narrative and interactive features, and it will have a companion book that docks with it. (I'm writing that book now.)

As I'm asking you here, I am inviting other distinguished Americans to do short cameo readings and, when they are willing, short discussions of the poem with me. Those who have already done tapings, or have agreed to participate, include Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan, Harvard President Drew Faust, performer and activist Eve Ensler, journalist Michael Pollan, Tour de France champion Greg Lemond, professor and PBS personality Henry Lewis Gates, (my husband!) Larry Summers, Rabbi Moshe Waldoks, poet Martin Espada, playwright Tony Kushner, and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino. We are now reaching out to Bill Clinton, Matt Damon, Natalie Portman, and John McCain, among others, and feel confident that many will agree. I'm very much hoping that you will agree to join this distinguished group.

The poem I'm hoping you would read is one that we discussed, William Carlos Williams's iconic poem "This Is Just to Say." The poem is copied below. There are, naturally, commentaries on it I could share, if you wanted to read some, but you seem to have already thought about it quite a bit.

This Is Just to Say

I have eaten
the plums
that were in
the icebox

and which
you were probably
saving
for breakfast

Forgive me
they were delicious
so sweet
and so cold

Logistically, we are at your service. I would be happy to film you when I visit New York on October 24th. Or, I would love it if you would come visit Larry and me in Boston with Jeffrey. We could show you and Soon Yi around Harvard, eat a big bowl of plums, and talk poetry. I would introduce you on camera and you'd read, or recite, and we'd perhaps talk about the poem for a moment.

Thank you very much for considering this proposal. I admire you immensely and would feel honored to bring you into this project.

Best,
Lisa New

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We are working very hard to make this happen and should have Christina set up to support us with columns on a few top sites at no cost moving forward

I am available for a call now or this weekend to review.

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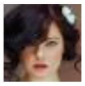

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From: Christina Galbraith [[redacted]
Sent: 2/8/2014 2:07:34 AM
To: Tyler Shears [redacted]
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Subject: Re: boosting strategy

Importance: High

Almost finished with a batch of content as well as a press release--you'll have it over the weekend.

Also the PED set up a page called 'Friends' which is where they'll place jeffrey. I'll send you the URL when done.

Tyler, could you check google highlighter?

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It takes 30 days for Google to respond in most cases and we ramped up 28 days ago with boosting alternate URLs per our call

We are working very hard to make this happen and should have Christina set up to support us with columns on a few top sites at no cost moving forward

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To: jeffrey epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]

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On Oct 28, 2011, at 12:32 PM, jeffrey epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

Are you here

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- **From:**The Australian
- October 22, 2011 12:00AM

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"I think the Australian people are very conscientious. During the 1980s and 1990s we proved they will respond conscientiously to necessary reforms. They mightn't like them but they'll accept them. But reforms have to be presented in a digestible format.

"I know that in the age of the internet, opinion and perpetual static it is difficult to get the message over. I accept that. But the big messages have their own momentum. If we get the story of transition right then other things will find their place.

"Our problem is what I call shooting-star policies. We have a policy on carbon pricing, on minerals, on boatpeople, but they are not connected up to the big picture about Australia's direction and its transition."

Pressed on whether he thinks the Australian Labor Party is in permanent decline, Keating defends Labor, insists it doesn't have to decline but highlights the problem. "Labor must recognise what it has created," he says, invoking the Hawke-Keating era. "It has a created a new society and it has to be the party of the new society.

"It can't be the party of part of the old society. Labor must be the party of those people who gained from the pro-market growth economy that we created. Labor must be open to the influences of this middle class, to people on higher incomes. And I don't think it is."

It is, perhaps, the clearest statement of Labor's problem. The party, in an act of strategic folly, abandoned the path of its previous success. It turned inwards on itself, away from the community.

"At the operating level it's become the party of insiders," Keating says. "The problem is that members get too caught up in the gift of faction managers and they get caught up in the false construct of popularity, the false god."

Fixated by the nature of political leadership, Keating's book After Words shouts out: "The great curse of modern political life is incrementalism."

Leaning across the table he says to me that briefing notes and economic texts aren't enough: the leader must locate his own source of higher command and inner belief. He laments the efforts of US President Barak Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel in the teeth of contemporary challenges.

"There is nothing preordained about American decline any more than the European project is destined to fail," he writes.

"But the portents are not good. Despite the rhetoric, President Obama conducts himself as an arbitrator or mediator between the competing strands of American economic and political ideology. He repeatedly eschews striking out, snatching the naked flame and hanging on. But the cost of this strategy is not simply a cost to him; it is a cost to the whole world.

"On the other hand, Chancellor Merkel is the archetypal worry-wart. She does not lead; she assesses.

"You really wonder why leaders want these jobs when they really do not want to lead. And what is their risk? That Barack Obama will not get a second term? Or that Angela Merkel's coalition might finally end up on the rocks? If they actually made the leap they might astound themselves. Because, in the end, everyone in political life gets carried out - the only relevant question is whether the pallbearers will be crying."

For Keating, the 20th-century leader exerting most influence on the coming century is China's Deng Xiaoping.

"If you look at the other figures of the century, Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin and Mao, none will leave the legacy in terms of the 21st century that Deng leaves," he says. "He walked away from the ideology of the Communist Party just as effectively as Mikhail Gorbachev walked away from the essence of the Soviet Union."

By 2050 Keating sees a world order with nations in terms of gross domestic product in this hierarchy: (1) China, (2) US, (3) India, (4) Japan, (5) Brazil, (6) Russia, (7) Britain, (8) Germany, (9) France and (10) Italy.

The key, however, is that Japan lags a distant fourth behind the top three.

On America, Keating is dismayed by the pivotal change in its outlook after the end of the Cold War. "When the Berlin Wall came down the Americans cried victory and walked off the field," he says.

"Yet the end of the Cold War offered the chance for America to develop a new world order. It didn't know what to do with its victory. This at the moment the US should have begun exploiting the opportunity of establishing a new world order to embrace open regionalism and the inclusion of great states like China, India and the then loitering Russia.

"Well, frankly, the US didn't have the wisdom. It just wanted to celebrate its peace dividend. The two Clinton terms and the two George W. Bush terms, that's four presidential terms, have cost US mightily."

For Keating, the malaise in US politics is the problem. He says: "The most compelling thing I've seen in years is that in the great burst of American productivity between 1990 and 2008, of that massive increment to national income, none of it went to wages. By contrast, in Australia real wages over the same period had risen by 30 per cent." Keating sees this "as the breakdown of America's national compact", the shattering of its prosperity deal. He says American conservatives abandoned the middle ground represented by Republican presidents such as Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard Nixon and Bush Sr and became radicals. The derailment, he argues, began under Ronald Reagan and reached its zenith under George W. Bush.

With the goodwill gone the US "is not able to produce a medium-term credible fiscal trajectory or get agreement on rebuilding its infrastructure". This paralysis "is significant not just for the US but for the world."

Keating links the collapse of this "prosperity compact" to the financial crisis. Too many Americans were unable to sustain themselves from wages and salaries.

How did they get by? They used the easy credit of the banking system, thereby feeding the frenzy that ended in bad loans and meltdown.

Keating's book has an abiding message for Australia: in the transformed world we "will find ourselves increasingly on our own" having to master our own destiny.

The job is to rediscover the productivity and savings agenda of the 1990s. Why did Australia survive the 2008 financial crisis? "Because of the flexibility of the economy," Keating says. "Flexibility which came from the reform of Australia's financial, product and labour markets that began 25 years ago. This has given us one of the most flexible economies in the world - arguably the most flexible. But further structural changes are ahead of us."

He lists them. It is a mix of the new and old Keating agenda: a shift in resources to the extractive industries; a lift in capital inflow driving a high current account deficit putting a premium on savings; recognition that competitiveness will lie "in the creativity of our people as much as it does in our oil and gas"; a renewed emphasis on the value of hi-tech and education; and above all, a cultural change that integrates Australia more into East Asia. "Cultural transformation is the key for us," Keating says. He rates it as more important than economic reform.

"There is less interest now in being part of East Asia than there was in the 1990s," he laments.

Keating wants this idea revived. And he ties it to the republic arguing that to succeed in Asia we must become a republic, a proposition Howard always dismissed.

On China, Keating is an optimist yet alive to the daunting economic challenge China now confronts. "What is happening in China knows no precedence in world economic history," he says. "Never before have 1.25 billion people dragged themselves from poverty at such a pace. China is now half the GDP of the US and incomes have risen by a factor of 10." He argues, however, that the origin of the 2008 financial crisis lies in the global imbalances - China has built huge foreign exchange reserves by exporting too much and America, in turn, is saving too little.

Keating says: "China must shift the basis of growth from net exports and investment to domestic consumption. Will they achieve this? Probably. Will there be strains along the way? There have to be."

Unlike many Australian leaders, Keating is a Europhile. "I think the European project is the most significant project since the second world war," he says. But he sees two huge blunders made in Europe.

From the euro's inception, Keating said it should constitute only Germany, France and the Benelux nations, not the peripheral countries around the Mediterranean, and "Greece should never have been allowed in".

Why were the weaker economies given entry?

Keating says: "It's because president Mitterrand and the French wanted it. They weren't ready to sit beside the German unified state without some friends."

So the eurozone was flawed from the outset, a structure awaiting internal assault: "The problem is we have a single currency without a political union and without a fiscal union."

The second blunder was the 1990s expansion of NATO to the Russian border. For Keating, this was recklessness for which the world may yet pay.

"Sensible policy would have included a place for Russia in the new world order," he says. "But that didn't happen. So Russian liberals were pushed to one side by Russian nationalists. In a sense the US has created Vladimir Putin."

Who is responsible? He points the finger at Bill Clinton.

On the 2008 financial crisis, he says former US Federal Reserve chief Alan Greenspan must bear "a fair amount of responsibility".

"Greenspan is someone I know and like," Keating says. "But if you are so naive to believe that institutions with a balance sheet with assets geared at 45 to one is not an accident waiting to happen then you don't deserve to be chairman of the Federal Reserve."

He praises Obama for seeking a return to the "liberal internationalism" that, in Keating's view, made the US great in the post-World War II age. This is the US he loves but it is still in retreat.

Asked about the nature of leadership, Keating reveals what lies within his heart: "I believe there is a poetic strand to life that doesn't exist in an economics textbook.

"This is not to say that rationalism isn't important and good. It is. But left to itself without the guidance of higher meaning and a higher concept, rationalism can be mean and incomplete. I say if you simply live on rational policy and briefing notes you are not sufficiently informed.

"You need a higher calling or some inner system of belief - here I mention Kant and the inner command that tells you what is true, what is right, what is good. The inner command must be the divining construct in what you do.

"Music has always been a large part of what makes me tick. You listen to a great work . . . you hear the majesty of these works and your head and soul gets caught up in them. When that happens you are in for bigger things and you will strike out to be better.

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I trust this email finds you well.

Kindest regards

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- **BY:PAUL KEATING**
- From:
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Paul Keating is aware that many people see him as a puzzle and contradiction. During the interview he explained he wrote this introduction to his book as a guide to help people see the unifying philosophy of his life, public and private.

FRIEDRICH Schiller, the German philosopher, said: "If man is ever to solve the problems of politics in practice he will have to approach it through the problem of the aesthetic, because it is only through beauty that man makes his way to freedom."

Romantic and idealistic as that view may seem to some, the thought is revelatory of the fact that the greater part of human aspiration has been informed by individual intuition and privately generated passions, more than it has through logic or scientific revelation. The moral basis of our public life, our social organisation, has come from within us - by aspiration and by light, not by some process of logical deduction.

Immanuel Kant referred to our inner impulses as "the higher self", an unconscious search for truth, going deeply into ourselves to establish who we are and what we should be.

Beauty is about the quest for perfection or an ideal, and that quest has to begin with aesthetic imagination - something informed by conscience, carved by duty. Kant called it "the inner command", the ethical construct one creates to guide one from within.

But we need tools to mine good intentions: inspirations, ones which await the creative spark, the source of all enlargement. Creativity is central to our progress and to all human endeavour.

Music provides the clue: unlike other forms of art, music is not representational. Unlike the outcome of the sciences, it was never discoverable or awaiting discovery. A Mahler symphony did not exist before Mahler created it.

E.T.A. Hoffman, a contemporary of Beethoven's, famously said: "Music reveals to man an unknown realm, a world quite separate from the outer sensual world surrounding him, a world in which he leaves behind all feelings circumscribed by intellect in order to embrace the inexpressible."

This is not to turn our back on reason. Or to argue that modernism, with all its secular progress through education, industrialisation, communications, transport and the centralised state, has not spectacularly endowed the world as no other movement before it. But a void exists between the drum-roll of mechanisation with its cumulative power of science and the haphazard, explosive power of creativity and passion. Science is forever trying to undress nature while the artistic impulse is to be wrapped in it.

While these approaches are different - perhaps often diametrically opposite - they inform related strands of thinking in ways that promote energy and vision.

This is what I have found when these forces are contemplated in tandem. When passion and reason vie with each other, the emerging inspiration is invariably deeper and of an altogether higher form. One is able to knit between them, bringing into existence an overarching unity - a coherence - which fidelity to the individual strands cannot provide.

In the world I have lived in, the world of politics, political economy and internationalism, the literature exists in abundance. But what is far from abundant are the frameworks for the intuitive resolution of complex problems that require multi-dimensional solutions.

But from where do we glean this extra dimensionality?

For me, it has always been from two sources: policy ambition in its own right and from imagination - the dreaming. Policy ambition arising from Kant's higher self, and imagination promoted by those reliable wellsprings - music, poetry, art and architecture - blending the whole into a creative flux.

This collection of speeches reflects many of those interests and impulses - whether it be Joern Utzon's Opera House or the imperative of liberal internationalism in foreign policy or Neoclassicism, the future of native title or the rise of China. Each is related in a wider construct which is part and parcel of the way I have viewed and thought about the world.

While the speeches are from the period after my prime ministerial life and period in government, the impulse in writing them came from the same framework and inclinations which informed my life in public office.

The speeches may be read individually or read together, subject to subject, idea to idea. Either way, a common thread informs them all.

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"I think the Australian people are very conscientious. During the 1980s and 1990s we proved they will respond conscientiously to necessary reforms. They mightn't like them but they'll accept them. But reforms have to be presented in a digestible format.

"I know that in the age of the internet, opinion and perpetual static it is difficult to get the message over. I accept that. But the big messages have their own momentum. If we get the story of transition right then other things will find their place.

"Our problem is what I call shooting-star policies. We have a policy on carbon pricing, on minerals, on boatpeople, but they are not connected up to the big picture about Australia's direction and its transition."

Pressed on whether he thinks the Australian Labor Party is in permanent decline, Keating defends Labor, insists it doesn't have to decline but highlights the problem. "Labor must recognise what it has created," he says, invoking the Hawke-Keating era. "It has a created a new society and it has to be the party of the new society.

"It can't be the party of part of the old society. Labor must be the party of those people who gained from the pro-market growth economy that we created. Labor must be open to the influences of this middle class, to people on higher incomes. And I don't think it is."

It is, perhaps, the clearest statement of Labor's problem. The party, in an act of strategic folly, abandoned the path of its previous success. It turned inwards on itself, away from the community.

"At the operating level it's become the party of insiders," Keating says. "The problem is that members get too caught up in the gift of faction managers and they get caught up in the false construct of popularity, the false god."

Fixated by the nature of political leadership, Keating's book After Words shouts out: "The great curse of modern political life is incrementalism."

Leaning across the table he says to me that briefing notes and economic texts aren't enough: the leader must locate his own source of higher command and inner belief. He laments the efforts of US President Barak Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel in the teeth of contemporary challenges.

"There is nothing preordained about American decline any more than the European project is destined to fail," he writes.

"But the portents are not good. Despite the rhetoric, President Obama conducts himself as an arbitrator or mediator between the competing strands of American economic and political ideology. He repeatedly eschews striking out, snatching the naked flame and hanging on. But the cost of this strategy is not simply a cost to him; it is a cost to the whole world.

"On the other hand, Chancellor Merkel is the archetypal worry-wart. She does not lead; she assesses.

"You really wonder why leaders want these jobs when they really do not want to lead. And what is their risk? That Barack Obama will not get a second term? Or that Angela Merkel's coalition might finally end up on the rocks? If they actually made the leap they might astound themselves. Because, in the end, everyone in political life gets carried out - the only relevant question is whether the pallbearers will be crying."

For Keating, the 20th-century leader exerting most influence on the coming century is China's Deng Xiaoping.

"If you look at the other figures of the century, Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin and Mao, none will leave the legacy in terms of the 21st century that Deng leaves," he says. "He walked away from the ideology of the Communist Party just as effectively as Mikhail Gorbachev walked away from the essence of the Soviet Union."

By 2050 Keating sees a world order with nations in terms of gross domestic product in this hierarchy: (1) China, (2) US, (3) India, (4) Japan, (5) Brazil, (6) Russia, (7) Britain, (8) Germany, (9) France and (10) Italy.

The key, however, is that Japan lags a distant fourth behind the top three.

On America, Keating is dismayed by the pivotal change in its outlook after the end of the Cold War. "When the Berlin Wall came down the Americans cried victory and walked off the field," he says.

"Yet the end of the Cold War offered the chance for America to develop a new world order. It didn't know what to do with its victory. This at the moment the US should have begun exploiting the opportunity of establishing a new world order to embrace open regionalism and the inclusion of great states like China, India and the then loitering Russia.

"Well, frankly, the US didn't have the wisdom. It just wanted to celebrate its peace dividend. The two Clinton terms and the two George W. Bush terms, that's four presidential terms, have cost US mightily."

For Keating, the malaise in US politics is the problem. He says: "The most compelling thing I've seen in years is that in the great burst of American productivity between 1990 and 2008, of that massive increment to national income, none of it went to wages. By contrast, in Australia real wages over the same period had risen by 30 per cent." Keating sees this "as the breakdown of America's national compact", the shattering of its prosperity deal. He says American conservatives abandoned the middle ground represented by Republican presidents such as Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard Nixon and Bush Sr and became radicals. The derailment, he argues, began under Ronald Reagan and reached its zenith under George W. Bush.

With the goodwill gone the US "is not able to produce a medium-term credible fiscal trajectory or get agreement on rebuilding its infrastructure". This paralysis "is significant not just for the US but for the world."

Keating links the collapse of this "prosperity compact" to the financial crisis. Too many Americans were unable to sustain themselves from wages and salaries.

How did they get by? They used the easy credit of the banking system, thereby feeding the frenzy that ended in bad loans and meltdown.

Keating's book has an abiding message for Australia: in the transformed world we "will find ourselves increasingly on our own" having to master our own destiny.

The job is to rediscover the productivity and savings agenda of the 1990s. Why did Australia survive the 2008 financial crisis? "Because of the flexibility of the economy," Keating says. "Flexibility which came from the reform of Australia's financial, product and labour markets that began 25 years ago. This has given us one of the most flexible economies in the world - arguably the most flexible. But further structural changes are ahead of us."

He lists them. It is a mix of the new and old Keating agenda: a shift in resources to the extractive industries; a lift in capital inflow driving a high current account deficit putting a premium on savings; recognition that competitiveness will lie "in the creativity of our people as much as it does in our oil and gas"; a renewed emphasis on the value of hi-tech and education; and above all, a cultural change that integrates Australia more into East Asia. "Cultural transformation is the key for us," Keating says. He rates it as more important than economic reform.

"There is less interest now in being part of East Asia than there was in the 1990s," he laments.

Keating wants this idea revived. And he ties it to the republic arguing that to succeed in Asia we must become a republic, a proposition Howard always dismissed.

On China, Keating is an optimist yet alive to the daunting economic challenge China now confronts. "What is happening in China knows no precedence in world economic history," he says. "Never before have 1.25 billion people dragged themselves from poverty at such a pace. China is now half the GDP of the US and incomes have risen by a factor of 10." He argues, however, that the origin of the 2008 financial crisis lies in the global imbalances - China has built huge foreign exchange reserves by exporting too much and America, in turn, is saving too little.

Keating says: "China must shift the basis of growth from net exports and investment to domestic consumption. Will they achieve this? Probably. Will there be strains along the way? There have to be."

Unlike many Australian leaders, Keating is a Europhile. "I think the European project is the most significant project since the second world war," he says. But he sees two huge blunders made in Europe.

From the euro's inception, Keating said it should constitute only Germany, France and the Benelux nations, not the peripheral countries around the Mediterranean, and "Greece should never have been allowed in".

Why were the weaker economies given entry?

Keating says: "It's because president Mitterrand and the French wanted it. They weren't ready to sit beside the German unified state without some friends."

So the eurozone was flawed from the outset, a structure awaiting internal assault: "The problem is we have a single currency without a political union and without a fiscal union."

The second blunder was the 1990s expansion of NATO to the Russian border. For Keating, this was recklessness for which the world may yet pay.

"Sensible policy would have included a place for Russia in the new world order," he says. "But that didn't happen. So Russian liberals were pushed to one side by Russian nationalists. In a sense the US has created Vladimir Putin."

Who is responsible? He points the finger at Bill Clinton.

On the 2008 financial crisis, he says former US Federal Reserve chief Alan Greenspan must bear "a fair amount of responsibility".

"Greenspan is someone I know and like," Keating says. "But if you are so naive to believe that institutions with a balance sheet with assets geared at 45 to one is not an accident waiting to happen then you don't deserve to be chairman of the Federal Reserve."

He praises Obama for seeking a return to the "liberal internationalism" that, in Keating's view, made the US great in the post-World War II age. This is the US he loves but it is still in retreat.

Asked about the nature of leadership, Keating reveals what lies within his heart: "I believe there is a poetic strand to life that doesn't exist in an economics textbook.

"This is not to say that rationalism isn't important and good. It is. But left to itself without the guidance of higher meaning and a higher concept, rationalism can be mean and incomplete. I say if you simply live on rational policy and briefing notes you are not sufficiently informed.

"You need a higher calling or some inner system of belief - here I mention Kant and the inner command that tells you what is true, what is right, what is good. The inner command must be the divining construct in what you do.

"Music has always been a large part of what makes me tick. You listen to a great work . . . you hear the majesty of these works and your head and soul gets caught up in them. When that happens you are in for bigger things and you will strike out to be better.

"When I was listening to music I would always have the pad out to write the ideas down."

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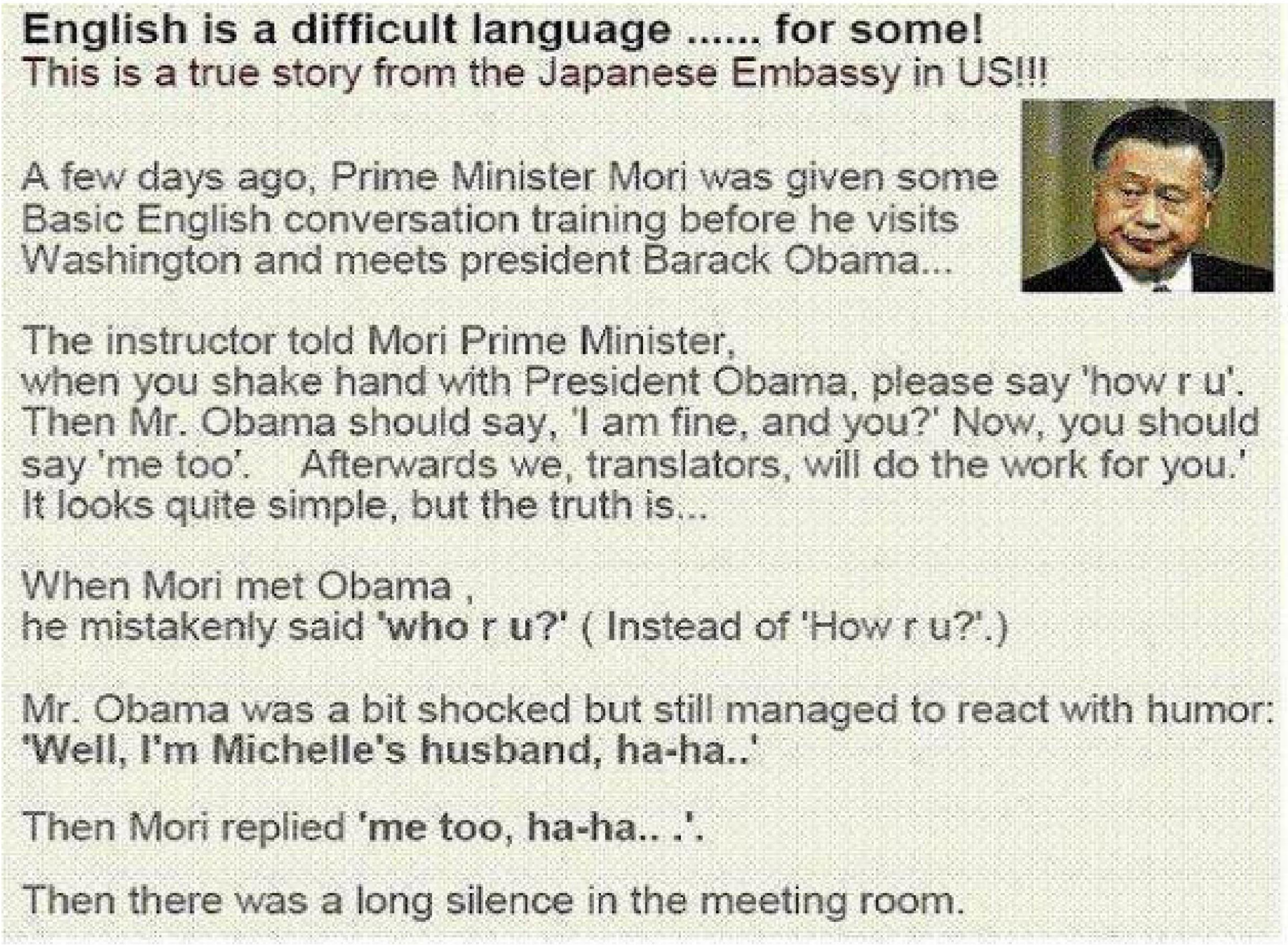

English is a difficult language ...... for some!
This is a true story from the Japanese Embassy in US!!!

A few days ago, Prime Minister Mori was given some Basic English conversation training before he visits Washington and meets president Barack Obama...

The instructor told Mori Prime Minister,
when you shake hand with President Obama, please say 'how r u'.
Then Mr. Obama should say, 'I am fine, and you?' Now, you should say 'me too'. Afterwards we, translators, will do the work for you.'
It looks quite simple, but the truth is...

When Mori met Obama ,
he mistakenly said **'who r u?'** (Instead of 'How r u?'.)

Mr. Obama was a bit shocked but still managed to react with humor:
'Well, I'm Michelle's husband, ha-ha..'

Then Mori replied **'me too, ha-ha.. .'**.

Then there was a long silence in the meeting room.

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Sent: 1/4/2018 7:45:38 PM
To: Robert Trivers [redacted]
Subject: Re: you and Chapman

Nice

On Thu, Jan 4, 2018 at 2:36 PM Robert Trivers <[redacted] wrote:

> attached a message i just sent to President Struppa of Chapman—i am certain that your gift will do the trick—and that the West Coast is indeed more convivial and supportive than the East
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> i hope i did not f… up your contact with Finkelstein
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> Carlos told me of the devastation to your island—pretty much as i feared
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> am amused (at a safe distance) as Bannon takes on Trump—he responds as he always does, threatening a suit he will not in fact file
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> no internet in my home or nearby in the great, retarded country of Jamaica so i am now at a restaurant some 35 minutes away and only go on-line twice a day—hoping that i will work instead
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> part of poetry in america. It does also seem to me perhaps relevant that Serena thinks of herself as a poetry person.
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To: Elisa New [redacted]
Subject: Re: invitation

can you call me [redacted]

On Mon, Nov 26, 2018 at 10:32 AM Lisa New <[redacted]> wrote:

> better?
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Sent: 12/12/2018 5:28:38 PM
To: [redacted]
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Yup

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sexy

On Wed, Dec 12, 2018 at 1:44 PM [redacted] wrote:

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From: J [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 12/22/2018 3:48:55 PM
To: Steve Bannon [redacted]
Subject: Re: Trump has discussed firing Fed chief after latest interest rate hike: report | TheHill

One unusual thing about Powell's appointment is that he is a lawyer, not an economist. From Yellen going back to Alan Greenspan, who started as chair in 1987, all Fed chairs have held a Ph.D. in economics. Alan Blinder, an economist at Princeton, has said that a doctorate has become more or less a prerequisite of the job—without one, he told *Harvard Business Review*, "the Fed's staff will run technical rings around you." While that remains to be seen, it is true that there are over 300 Ph.D. economists on the Fed's staff, and Powell could end up needing to lean on their expertise more than a Fed chair with a doctorate in economics might.

On Sat, Dec 22, 2018 at 10:40 AM Steve Bannon <[redacted]> wrote:

> Can u get rid of Powell or really get rid of mnuchin
>
> On Dec 22, 2018, at 10:35 AM, J <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
>
> getting rid of powell much more important than syria /mattis. . I guess pompeo , only one left. . unless ambassador heather has a brilliant idea. - a first. . jared and ivanka , need to go. !!!
>
> On Sat, Dec 22, 2018 at 10:31 AM Steve Bannon <[redacted]> wrote:
>
>> LMAO
>>
>> Perfect mnuchin hit
>>
>> On Dec 22, 2018, at 9:22 AM, J <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> In 1993, Powell began working as a managing director for Bankers Trust, but he quit in 1995 after the bank got into trouble when several customers suffered large losses due to derivatives. He then went back to work for Dillon, Read & Co.[15]
>>
>> he didnt understand the markets 25 years ago. obama appointed him to the board. what else do you guys need to know
>>
>> On Sat, Dec 22, 2018 at 8:21 AM Steve Bannon <[redacted]> wrote:
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>>> https://thehill.com/policy/finance/422577-trump-considering-firing-federal-reserve-chief-after-latest-interest-rate-hike
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Sent: 1/15/2019 11:36:59 AM
To: Michael Wolff [redacted]
Subject: Fwd:

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From: **J** <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 15, 2019 at 7:13 AM
Subject:
To: jeffrey epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>, Kathy Ruemmler <[redacted]>

it would go something like this. .... 1 Donald doesn't really own very much, he rents out his name. he puts it on buildings projects etc. for a royalty or piece of the upside. he then claims the asset is " his " . its very much like hyatt hotels. it says Hyatt hotel on the front but it is owned by someone else. (sometimes by Hyatt but not often). Hyatt receives 3 percent per year of revenue and a piece of the profits sometimes if the hotel is sold at a profit. .
money launderers. need a name to purchase trophy properties. why? there is little suspicion if a famous wealthy person buys a property that is likely to show in the press. , it cant be jojo my driver. up front , so they approach wealthy people and tell them for 2 -5 million dollars for doing nothing at all. - just lend us your name . - and the person get the positive press. so and so bought the most expensive painting. sold the most expensive painting, house., diamond. etc. -ex the GANZ art collection was bought and sold by Joe Lewis. . all the publicity was the ganz family estate. selling etc.

hypothetically, . someone approached trump and said can you buy the palm beach house. in your name. (it was trump properties llc) , not sure who actually owns the llc. ? Donald can get a loan from a bank , but it is guaranteed by , an entity controlled by R R has a bvi co. xitrans. that is owned by a family trust. (cyprus). R wife settles in oct after trump anounces candidacy . the llc agreement or the loan agreement allows Donald to get a few million for his name. . R in essence is the " owner. ". he was part of the panama papers release. he also sold the da vinci to mbs. . ? if you are a gangster , where and how can you invest money. answer not through the front door.

Donald's financial disclosures are the same , he represents his " income " as the GROSS receipts of his clubs. " , means nothing at all ZERO. no income as we no it.

he lists his " assets" ,and their VALUE - but not the corresponding loans. against it. so no net number , hence meaningless.

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Sent: 3/4/2019 11:27:03 PM
To: Joi Ito[redacted]
Subject: Re: $25K from ASU

https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/04/opinion/letters/jeffrey-epstein.html

On Mon, Mar 4, 2019 at 11:08 AM Joi Ito [redacted]> wrote:

> I'm good. Good luck!
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> - Joi
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> On Mar 4, 2019, at 7:45 AM, J <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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> brutal press. . sorry . it seems im a symbol for all ills. :). if you hate the rich, the men , the trump types . im your boy . at least for the moment. . hope you are well
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> On Thu, Feb 28, 2019 at 1:24 PM Joi Ito [redacted]> wrote:
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>> Thanks!
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>> On Feb 28, 2019, at 1:18 PM, J <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> No problem- Trying to get more black for you
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>> On Thu, Feb 28, 2019 at 1:10 PM Joi Ito [redacted]> wrote:
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>>> Hey Jeffrey.
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>>> How are things?
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>>> Just to let you know. We were able to keep the Leon Black money, but the $25K from your foundation is getting bounced by MIT back to ASU.
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>>> Sorry…
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ELISA NEW
Powell M. Cabot Professor of American Literature

Tel: [redacted]
Fax:

November 25, 2018

Dear Ms. Williams:

I am writing now to invite you to be a featured guest on my public television series*, Poetry in America* (poetryinamerica.org)*.* If you agree, we'll spend 45 minutes at a location of your choice discussing a contemporary poem by Sharon Olds that compares feats of athletic prowess to childbirth. I will use what we capture in an upcoming season of *Poetry in America,* and I'll also use this content in a course for medical professionals I am creating in partnership with Harvard Medical School.

Poetry in America's first season's guests included Joe Biden, Cynthia Nixon, Shaquille O'Neal, Yo Yo Ma, Samantha Power, Herbie Hancock, John McCain, Bill Clinton, Nas, Angela Duckworth, Bono, Regina Spektor, Frank Gehry, Stuart Weitzman, E.O. Wilson as well as 12 of the most distinguished poets of our time. Seasons Two and Three will have a similar line up. The series air on most public television stations, streams on Amazon Prime and is now airing on a variety of domestic and international airlines. I thank you for considering this request. I would be very honored to work with you.

Sincerely,

Elisa New

From: Lisa New [redacted]
Sent: 11/25/2018 11:30:39 PM
To: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
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Attachments: invitation to Serena Williams November 25.docx

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The poem I'd like to read and interpret with you is by Pulitzer Prize winner, Sharon Olds , and it's called "The Language of the Brag." It's a gutsy poem that compares feats of (male) athletic prowess-- and feats of poetic prowess-- to childbirth. You are the ideal reader for this poem: indeed, I picked it for the season in hopes you would be my co-interpreter. If you agree to film with me, I'll use what we capture in an upcoming season of *Poetry in America.* I'll also use the content in an online course for medical professionals I am creating in partnership with Harvard Medical School.

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can you give me a little bit of phrasing you think is optimal? I'm not sure I know how to ask her to join this company without asking her to be
part of poetry in america. It does also seem to me perhaps relevant that Serena thinks of herself as a poetry person.
For people who think that way, maybe not nothing (hasn't been nothing to others) that a Harvard poetry professor seeks her wisdom on the art form?

Would really appreciate your edit.
Lisa

On Sun, Nov 25, 2018 at 6:41 PM J <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

> sorry , that was meant as a filler what is important is that she is joining the others priority . and not appearing on your show. ! :) i invite you to appear is DOA
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>> this poem about *childbirth* and is *not* for children.
>> It's for adults and it raises awareness on the issues of discrimination against women athletes in sports ,and, against women of color in childbirth. These are Serena's big issues now.
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>> On Sun, Nov 25, 2018 at 11:05 AM J <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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>>> Needs edit. Start with id like you to join clinton ..eyc
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>>> On Sun, Nov 25, 2018 at 10:52 AM Lisa New <[redacted]> wrote:
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>>>> Here is an invitation you can forward. Fingers crossed.
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From: Lisa New [redacted]
Sent: 11/26/2018 2:31:48 PM
To: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re: invitation
Attachments: invitation to Serena Williams November 25 (1).docx

Importance: High

better?

On Sun, Nov 25, 2018 at 7:06 PM Lisa New <[redacted]> wrote:

> okay....let me revise with I and me in mind before I talk to you.
> Can I call you tomorrow am?
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November 25, 2018

Dear Ms. Williams:

I am writing now to invite you to be a featured guest of *Poetry in America* (poetryinamerica.org). *Poetry in America*'s first season's guests included Bill Clinton, Joe Biden, Cynthia Nixon, Shaquille O'Neal, Yo Yo Ma, Samantha Power, Herbie Hancock, John McCain, Nas, Angela Duckworth, Bono, Regina Spektor, Frank Gehry, Stuart Weitzman, E.O. Wilson and many others. Seasons Two and Three will feature just as distinguished a line up. The series airs on public television stations everywhere, streams via Amazon Prime and other streaming services, and it is now also airing on a variety of domestic and international airlines.

The poem we'd read and interpret together is by Pulitzer Prize winner, Sharon Olds , and it's called "The Language of the Brag." It's a gutsy poem that compares feats of (male) athletic prowess-- and feats of poetic prowess-- to childbirth. You are the ideal reader for this poem. We would use what we filmed together in upcoming season of *Poetry in America.* I'll also use the content in an online course for medical professionals I am creating in partnership with Harvard Medical School.

I thank you for considering this request. I would be very honored to work with you.

Sincerely,

Elisa New
Director and Host of *Poetry in America*
Powell M. Cabot Professor, Harvard

From: [redacted]
Sent: 12/12/2018 5:27:36 PM
To: jeevacation@gmail.com
Subject: Michael Cohen Sentenced To 3 Years In Prison Following Plea That Implicated Trump - https://www.npr.org/676040070

Importance: High

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 12/12/2018 5:44:32 PM
To: J [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re: Michael Cohen Sentenced To 3 Years In Prison Following Plea That Implicated Trump - https://www.npr.org/676040070

Importance: High

How are you sneaky?

On Wed, Dec 12, 2018 at 12:28 PM J <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

> Yup
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> On Wed, Dec 12, 2018 at 1:27 PM Renata B <[redacted]> wrote:
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Sincerely[redacted]

From: [redacted]
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Subject: Re: Michael Cohen Sentenced To 3 Years In Prison Following Plea That Implicated Trump - https://www.npr.org/676040070

Importance: High

😂always!

On Wed, Dec 12, 2018 at 1:29 PM J <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

> sexy
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> On Wed, Dec 12, 2018 at 1:44 PM [redacted] wrote:
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Judge: Prosecutors broke law in Epstein sex case

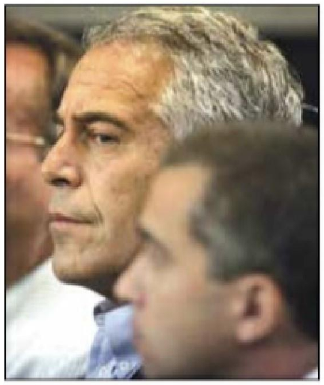
By JULIE K. BROWN
Miami Herald

MIAMI — A judge ruled Thursday that federal prosecutors — among them, U.S. Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta — broke federal law when they signed a plea agreement with a wealthy, politically connected sex trafficker and concealed it from more than 30 of his underage victims.

U.S. District Judge Kenneth A. Marra, in a 33-page opinion, said the evidence he reviewed showed that Jeffrey Epstein had been operating an international sex operation in which he and others recruited underage girls — not only in Florida — but from overseas, in violation of federal law.

"Epstein used paid employees to find and bring minor girls to him," wrote Marra, who is based in Palm Beach County. "Epstein worked in concert with others to obtain minors not only for his own sexual gratification, but also for the sexual gratification of others."

Instead of prosecuting Epstein under federal sex trafficking laws, Acosta, then the U.S. attorney in Miami, helped negotiate a nonprosecution agreement that gave Epstein and his co-conspirators immunity from federal prosecution. Epstein, who lived in a Palm Beach mansion, was allowed to quietly plead guilty in state court to two prostitution charges and served just 13 months in the county jail. His accomplices, some of whom have never been identified, were never charged.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Jeffrey Epstein, second from left, in custody in West Palm Beach, Fla., in 2008.

Acosta agreed to seal the deal, which meant that none of Epstein's victims, who were mostly 13 to 16 years old at the time of the abuse, were told about it until it was too late for them to appear at his sentencing and possibly reject the deal. Upon learning that Epstein had pleaded guilty without their knowledge, two of his victims filed a lawsuit in the Southern District of Florida in 2008, claiming that prosecutors violated the Crime Victims' Rights Act, which grants victims of federal crimes a series of rights, including the ability to confer with prosecutors about a possible plea deal.

Marra agreed, saying that while prosecutors had the right to resolve the case in any way they saw fit, they violated the law by hiding the agreement from Epstein's victims. Marra's decision capped 11 years of litigation — which included the release of a trove of emails showing how Acosta and other prosecutors worked with Epstein's high profile lawyers to conceal the deal — and the scope of Epstein's crimes — from both his victims and the public.

"Particularly problematic was the Government's decision to conceal the existence of the (agreement) and mislead the victims to believe that federal prosecution was still a possibility," Marra wrote.

The U.S. attorney's office in Miami declined to comment.

In addition to Palm Beach, Fla., Epstein also has a home in New York and, lives on Little St. James Island off St. Thomas.

Brad Edwards, the Fort Lauderdale attorney who brought the case, said he was elated at the judge's ruling, but admitted he is bitter that the case took 11 years to litigate, blaming federal prosecutors for needlessly dragging out the case when they could have remedied their error when it was brought to their attention in 2008.

While the victims ultimately would like to see Epstein go to jail, the judge's ruling stopped short of issuing a remedy or punishment. He gave the government and victims 15 days to confer with each other to come up with a resolution. It's unclear what that resolution would be.

Edwards conceded that Epstein's sentence isn't likely to be overturned. He was released in 2009.

But victims' rights advocates say that other charges can still be brought against Epstein if more victims come forward in other jurisdictions. There has been no statute of limitations for sex trafficking since 2002.

The decision follows a three-part series published by the Miami Herald in November, "Perversion of Justice," which detailed how federal prosecutors worked in concert with Epstein's lawyers to arrange the deal.

Since then, the U.S. Department of Justice has launched a probe into whether federal prosecutors committed any wrongdoing.

Gov. Bryan heads to D.C.

Daily News Staff

Gov. Albert Bryan Jr. departed the territory for Washington, D.C. on Thursday for a series of meetings with Trump administration officials and members of Congress.

In his absence, Lt. Gov. Tregenza Roach will be acting governor.

Included on Bryan's schedule is a senior plenary session of the Interagency Group on Insular Areas, where he, along with governors from the other U.S. territories, will outline their federal priorities with the leadership of the U.S. Department of Interior.

On Tuesday, Bryan will testify before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources during a hearing to examine the state of U.S. territories.

He also will be participating in the National Governors Association conference, during which the governors will have a lunch meeting with Vice President Mike Pence.

Bryan is scheduled to return to the territory on Wednesday.

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Low-Price Maintenance

From: Joi Ito [redacted]
Sent: 3/4/2019 4:08:40 PM
To: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re: $25K from ASU

Importance: High

I'm good. Good luck!

- Joi

On Mar 4, 2019, at 7:45 AM, J <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

brutal press. . sorry . it seems im a symbol for all ills. :). if you hate the rich, the men , the trump types . im your boy . at least for the moment. . hope you are well

On Thu, Feb 28, 2019 at 1:24 PM Joi Ito <[redacted]> wrote:

> Thanks!
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> On Feb 28, 2019, at 1:18 PM, J <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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> No problem- Trying to get more black for you
>
> On Thu, Feb 28, 2019 at 1:10 PM Joi Ito <[redacted]> wrote:
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>> Hey Jeffrey.
>>
>> How are things?
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>> Just to let you know. We were able to keep the Leon Black money, but the $25K from your foundation is getting bounced by MIT back to ASU.
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>> Sorry…
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>> - Joi
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From: Larry Summers [redacted]
Sent: 3/16/2019 9:38:20 PM
To: J [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re: Disaster but maybe i

Importance: High

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Or say xi changes meeting w trump.

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Firm delivered through humor

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> shes smart. making you pay for past errors. . ignore the daddy im going to go out with the motorcycle guy, . you reacted well.. annoyed shows caring. , no whining showed strentgh.

On Sat, Mar 16, 2019 at 3:08 PM Larry Summers <[redacted]> wrote:

> We talked on phone. Then “I can’t talk later”. Dint think I can talk tomorrow”.
>
> I said what are you up to. She said “I’m busy”. I said awfully coy u are.
>
> And then I said. Did u really rearrange the weekend we were going to be together because guy number 3 was coming”
>
> She said no his schedule changed after we changed our plans.
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> I said ok I got to go call me when u feel like it. Tone was not of good feeling.
>
> I dint want to be in a gift giving competition while being the friend without benefits.
>
> Think time to just stay away for a while. If there is potential here she ll find way back.
>
> I think I’m too eager weak at this point. The Prada thing by someone else is natural. By me seems desperate.
>
> Had good sense not to send off a note.
>
> She must be very confused or maybe wants to cut me off but wants professional connection a lot and so holds to it.
>
> I think life as stand by in case she needs leverage against another guy sucks.
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> But I get when I think about it stay cool.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Mar 16, 2019, at 2:10 PM, J <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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> how was it communicated to you?
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> On Sat, Mar 16, 2019 at 1:59 PM Larry Summers <[redacted] wrote:
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>> guy 3 seems to be in London for weekend which is why my visit cut short.
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>> I got mad. Didn’t send angry note after call though.
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>> This is a ridiculous activity.
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>> Sent from my iPhone

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To: J [jeevacation@gmail.com]
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Not funny

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On Mar 16, 2019, at 3:19 PM, J <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

shes smart. making you pay for past errors. . ignore the daddy im going to go out with the motorcycle guy, . you reacted well.. annoyed shows caring. , no whining showed strentgh.

On Sat, Mar 16, 2019 at 3:08 PM Larry Summers <[redacted]> wrote:

> We talked on phone. Then "I can't talk later". Dint think I can talk tomorrow".
>
> I said what are you up to. She said "I'm busy". I said awfully coy u are.
>
> And then I said. Did u really rearrange the weekend we were going to be together because guy number 3 was coming"
>
> She said no his schedule changed after we changed our plans.
>
> I said ok I got to go call me when u feel like it. Tone was not of good feeling.
>
> I dint want to be in a gift giving competition while being the friend without benefits.
>
> Think time to just stay away for a while. If there is potential here she ll find way back.
>
> I think I'm too eager weak at this point. The Prada thing by someone else is natural. By me seems desperate.
>
> Had good sense not to send off a note.
>
> She must be very confused or maybe wants to cut me off but wants professional connection a lot and so holds to it.
>
> I think life as stand by in case she needs leverage against another guy sucks.
>
> But I get when I think about it stay cool.
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On Mar 16, 2019, at 2:10 PM, J <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

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On Sat, Mar 16, 2019 at 1:59 PM Larry Summers <[redacted]> wrote:

> guy 3 seems to be in London for weekend which is why my visit cut short.
>
> I got mad. Didn't send angry note after call though.
>
> This is a ridiculous activity.
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Kathleen Harrington

Founding Partner, C/H Global Strategies

Founding Partner of C/H Global Strategies, a strategic consulting firm, Kathleen Harrington brings decades of experience in domestic and international affairs to her new venture, with Co-Founder, Christina Culver. An innovative leader in business, communications, foreign policy, non-profit development, global venture philanthropy and maximizing public-private partnerships, Kathleen is a catalyst for changing organizations, a passionate advocate for women and children and a free and open media.

Previously, Kathleen was Senior Vice President at Dutko Worldwide where she headed the company's Asia and global venture philanthropy practices. She has also been the CEO of her own consulting company, founder of an internet news network, former Executive Director of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial, and former Chief of Staff of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, overseeing global broadcast services. An expert on Asian affairs, Kathleen founded the U.S.-Korea Foundation and worked as Senior Advisor in the State Department's Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs under President Clinton. With deep political roots on Capitol Hill, Kathleen served on the staff of Senator Christopher Dodd and has worked on several Presidential campaigns.

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From: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 10/16/2009 11:20:59 AM
To: Sultan Bin Sulayem [redacted]

just as we thought------Russian bank Sberbank has quietly taken over his Capital Group's biggest asset, a massive housing, shops and offices project called Gorod Stolits, in Moskva-City on Moscow's outskirts. Under a $400 million (£270 million) loan agreement, the bank will ensure construction of the complex goes ahead at the end of the year as planned by Doronin, who has been likened to Donald Trump.

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Jeffrey Epstein, Jew Billionaire Pedophile, Child Trafficker Goes Free..WoW! 20 year old Hearsay is enough to destroy catholic priest. What happened here to the justice system?

Conchita Sarnoff
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Hedge fund mogul and sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, who went free this week, lived in a depraved world of thrice-daily massages, pornographic artwork, and hush money—that's only now being revealed. Conchita Sarnoff follows up on her investigation of the legal wrangling that saved him from a long prison term and reports on the sordid details in part two of her exclusive exposé. Also:

- Palm Beach's police chief objected to Epstein's "special treatment" and gave The Daily Beast an exclusive look at his nine-hour deposition about the investigation.

- Earlier versions of the U.S attorney's charges, including a sealed 53-page indictment, could have landed Epstein in prison for 20 years.

- Victims alleged that Epstein molested underage girls from South America, Europe, and the former Soviet republics, including three 12-year-old girls brought over from France as a birthday gift.

- The victims also alleged trips out of state and abroad on Epstein's private jets, which would be evidence of sex trafficking—a much more serious federal crime than the state charges Epstein was convicted of.

- Epstein's attorneys investigated members of the Palm Beach Police Department, while others ordered private investigators to follow and intimidate the victims' families; one even posed as a police officer.

- Then-Attorney General Alberto Gonzales told The Daily Beast that he "would have instructed the Justice Department to pursue justice without making a political mess."

Film director Roman Polanski is not the only convicted pedophile to walk free this month and return to a life of privilege. On Wednesday, hedge fund manager Jeffrey Epstein completes his one-year house arrest in Palm Beach, which has been even less arduous than Polanski's time at a Swiss ski chalet.

Watch Jeffrey Epstein Storm Out of a Deposition When Asked About His Penis

During Epstein's term of "house arrest," he made several trips each month to his New York home and his private Caribbean island. In the earlier stage of his sentence for soliciting prostitution with a minor—13 months in the Palm Beach Stockade—he was allowed out to his office each day. Meanwhile, Epstein has settled more than a dozen lawsuits brought by the underage girls who were recruited to perform "massages" at his Palm Beach mansion. Seven victims reached a last-minute deal last week, days before a scheduled trial; each received well over $1 million—an amount that will hardly dent Epstein's $2 billion net worth.

- Conchita Sarnoff: Epstein Faces Sex Traffic Probe
- The Billionaire Pedphile's Sex Den

With that, the known victims of Epstein's sexual compulsion have been officially silenced, and the case against him is closed unless new ones come forward. According to banking sources, he has been moving assets out of the U.S. and may well follow Polanski into a luxurious exile.

But the question remains: Did Epstein's wealth and social connections—former President Bill Clinton; Prince Andrew; former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak; New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson; and former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers were just a few of the prominent passengers on his private jets—allow him to receive only a slap on the wrist for crimes that carry a mandatory 20-year sentence? Was he able, with his limitless assets and heavy-hitting lawyers—Alan Dershowitz, Gerald Lefcourt, Roy Black, Kenneth Starr, Guy Lewis, and Martin Weinberger among them—to escape equal justice?

Epstein Faces Sex-Traffic Probe
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The Justice Department is investigating Jeffrey Epstein for child trafficking, The Daily Beast has learned—and has widened the scope of its probe to include a famous modeling agency.

Hedge-fund manager Jeffrey Epstein completed his sentence for soliciting prostitution with a minor last week. But it appears his problems may not be over. Now The Daily Beast has learned that:

• Federal investigators continue to investigate Epstein's activities, to see whether there is evidence of child trafficking—a far more serious charge than the two in his non-prosecution agreement, the arrangement between Epstein and the Department of Justice allowing him to plead guilty to lower-level state crimes. Trafficking can carry a 20-year sentence.

• The FBI is also investigating Epstein's friend Jean Luc Brunel, whose MC2 modeling agency appears to have been a source of girls from overseas who ended up on Epstein's private jets.

Because Epstein's predatory habits stretch back many years and involved dozens of young-looking girls, there may well be more evidence to uncover.

Under the concept of double jeopardy, Epstein can no longer be prosecuted for any of the charges covered by his non-prosecution agreement, in which he agreed to serve a short term of incarceration, fund the civil suits of named victims, and register as a sex offender. The victims who accepted cash settlements in these civil suits agreed not to testify against him or speak publicly about the case. However, new evidence developed by the Department of Justice on other offenses not covered by the agreement, including allegations by additional victims who come forward, could lead to new charges. There is no statute of limitations in the federal sex-trafficking law, which was also enacted by the state of Florida in 2002. Because his predatory habits stretch back many years and involved dozens of young-looking girls, there may well be more evidence to uncover. (Several young women who claim to be Epstein victims have recently contacted a Ft. Lauderdale lawyer, but to date no new civil complaints have been filed.)

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These new developments come one week after the publication of two articles in The Daily Beast about Epstein's pattern of sexual contact with underage girls, which Palm Beach police began investigating in 2005 and the U.S. Attorney's office then settled in a 2007 plea deal. The first article quoted a deposition by then-Palm Beach Chief of Police Michael Reiter, in which he stated that Epstein, a billionaire with many powerful friends, had received special treatment in both his plea deal and the terms of his incarceration. Although federal investigators at one point produced a draft 53-page indictment against Epstein, he was eventually allowed to plead guilty to only two relatively minor state charges and receive a short term of incarceration: 13 months in the county jail, during which he went to the office every day, and one year of community control, during which he traveled frequently to New York and his private island in the Virgin Islands.

The Daily Beast has now discovered another instance in which Epstein apparently received special consideration: As a convicted sex offender, he is required by law to undergo an impartial psychological evaluation prior to sentencing and to receive psychiatric treatment during and after incarceration. This is because child molesters tend to be repeat offenders with high rates of recidivism. According to a source in law enforcement, however, Epstein was allowed to submit a report by his private psychologist, Dr. Stephen Alexander of Palm Beach, Florida, whose phone has since been disconnected with no forwarding information.

The Daily Beast's second article provided details about Epstein's systematic abuse of underage girls at his Palm Beach mansion, where members of his staff allegedly recruited and paid a parade of teenagers, most of them 16 or younger, to perform daily massages that devolved into masturbation, groping, and sometimes full-blown sexual contact. It also revealed a monetary relationship between Epstein and Jean Luc Brunel, a frequent visitor to whom he gave $1 million around the same time that Brunel was starting his MC2 modeling agency. Some of the young girls MC2 recruited from overseas—often from Eastern Europe and South America—are known to have been passengers on Epstein's private jets.

The U.S. Attorney General's Office in Florida says that it is against policy to confirm or deny the existence of an investigation. Jeffrey Epstein's lawyer, Jack Goldberger, says he has no knowledge of an ongoing probe, and he told The Daily Beast, "Jeffrey Epstein has fully complied with all state and federal requirements that arise from the prior proceedings in Palm Beach. There are no pending civil lawsuits. There are not and should not be any pending criminal investigations, given Mr. Epstein's complete fulfillment of all the terms of his non-prosecution agreement with the federal government."

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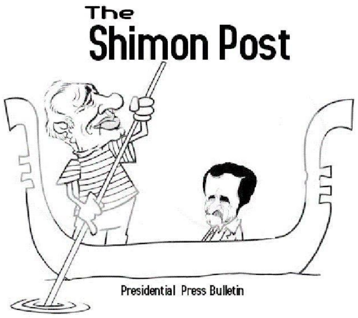

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NYT

President Assad's Bloody Hands

Editorial

June 3, 2011 -- Syrians have shown extraordinary courage, standing up to President Bashar al-Assad's reign of terror. We wish we could say that about the international community. So long as Mr. Assad escapes strong condemnation and real punishment, he will keep turning his tanks and troops on his people.

Human rights groups believe that more than 1,000 protesters have been killed in a three-month crackdown and that 10,000 more have been arrested. Hamza Ali al-Khateeb, the 13-year-old boy whose tortured body was shown in an online video, has become a heartbreaking symbol of the regime's brutality. According to activists, he was arrested at a protest on April 29 and not seen again until his broken body was delivered to his family almost a month later.

His murder and that of at least 30 other children who joined the protests show the depths to which Mr. Assad and his thugs have sunk. On Friday, in some of the biggest demonstrations yet, thousands of people again returned to the streets to demand political freedoms. Activists said dozens of protesters were killed in Hama after troops and regime loyalists opened fire. Independent journalists are barred from the country, so the full extent of the violence is unclear. What we do know is that the Syrian government has unleashed a wave of repression, perhaps the most vicious counterattack of the Arab spring. After the killing began, the United States and Europe imposed sanctions — mostly travel bans and asset freezes — on certain key regime officials while exempting Mr. Assad. Only later did they add his name to the list. The rhetoric is stiffening. On Thursday Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton declared that Mr. Assad's legitimacy is "if not gone, nearly run out." But some American and European officials still buy the fantasy that Mr. Assad could yet implement reforms.

Most appalling, the United Nations Security Council is unable to muster the votes to condemn the bloodshed much less impose sanctions. Russia, cynically protecting longstanding ties with Damascus, is blocking meaningful action and China has fallen in lockstep. India is also reluctant to act — a shameful stance for a democracy that has been bidding for a permanent seat on the Council. If Russia and China, which have veto power, can't be won over, the United States and Europe must push a robust sanctions resolution and dare Moscow and the others to side with Mr. Assad over the Syrian people.

We do not know how this will turn out. But arguments that Mr. Assad is the best guarantor of stability and the best way to avoid extremism have lost all credibility.

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The Washington Post

Egypt's revolutionary justice

Editorial

June 4 -- LET'S STIPULATE: There are very likely good grounds to prosecute deposed Egyptian ruler Hosni Mubarak. In nearly 30 years in power, the strongman appears to have amassed a considerable fortune, including the luxurious beach estate to which he retreated after his overthrow. More than 800 people were killed during the 18-day revolution, and prosectors allege that Mr. Mubarak approved plans to use force against peaceful demonstrators.

The decision by Egypt's ruling military council and state prosecutors to begin a trial of the former strongman on Aug. 3 — before the country holds its first democratic elections — is nevertheless a mistake, one that could push Egypt off the path to establishing a stable democracy and reviving its economy. Mr. Mubarak, who is 83 and in failing health, is not entitled to impunity; nor are his family and former ministers. But the approach of the interim regime, which has jailed dozens of former officials and two of Mr. Mubarak's sons, is deeply flawed. The trouble starts with the speed and timing of the prosecutions. Anxious to prevent further mass protests, the interim military council has appeared to time steps against the former regime just ahead of threatened demonstrations. The announcement that Mr. Mubarak would be put on trial came May 24, three days ahead of a planned opposition gathering in Cairo's Tahrir Square. Three of Mr. Mubarak's former ministers have already been convicted of crimes, and other trials are moving forward quickly. There are serious questions about the evidence in at least one — a case brought against the energy minister and five associates over alleged fraud in gas sales to Israel. The legal system handling these cases, oddly, is that of Mr.

Mubarak — and was justly renowned under his tenure for its lack of independence and its politicized rulings. There’s good reason for concern that former members of the regime are now victims of that politicization. The judge hearing a murder case against former interior minister Habib el-Adly, for example, was involved in one-sided rulings against political dissidents during Mr. Mubarak’s reign. That’s particularly worrisome because Mr. Adly has become the focus of populist calls for retribution, with some opposition sloganeers demanding that he be hanged.

Egypt cannot bury a half century of authoritarianism; there must be a reckoning. But the right authority to oversee it is not a temporary military authority attempting to keep crowds out of the streets, but a democratically elected government. Investigations and trials must be conducted by prosecutors and judges who are neutral, professional and untainted by the previous regime. One leading Egyptian human rights activist, Hossam Bahgat, has suggested that Egypt follow the example of other countries emerging from dictatorship and establish a formal process of investigation and exposure of past crimes — a process that could include reparations for victims and prosecution of the most significant cases. Such an initiative could help to bolster a new democratic order in Egypt, but the rush to judgment now underway could seriously undermine it.

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Al-Ahram Weekly

Egypt: In search of a foreign policy

Mohamed Anis Salem

2 - 8 June 2011 -- Sooner or later, the question of reviewing Egypt's foreign policy was going to crop up. In the early days of Tahrir, observers noted that the uprising did not occupy itself with international affairs. When Israel voiced concerns about the future of its relations with Cairo, Egypt's Higher Council of the Armed Forces (HCAF) reaffirmed the country's commitment to all international agreements, inter alia the Egyptian- Israeli Peace Treaty. Later, criticism of the two Egyptian governments formed after the revolution (one led by Ahmed Shafik, the next by Essam Sharaf) focussed, amongst other things, on retaining a number of the ancien regime ministers in office, including foreign minister Ahmed Abul-Gheit. Abul-Gheit had irritated his critics -- some would say the general public as well -- by his statements on the Egyptian uprising, as well as his earlier positions on Palestinians crossing over from Gaza into Egypt, Hamas and Iran. His replacement, Nabil El-Arabi, a seasoned diplomat with legal expertise, positioned himself as part of Egypt's new outlook to the world. He signalled that relations with Iran would be upgraded, Gaza's Rafah Crossings would be opened, and relations with Israel would be managed on a tit-for-tat basis. If the peace treaty with Israel required revision, there were clauses that allowed for that. Egypt would join the Rome Statute (the legal basis of the International Criminal Court) and other human rights instruments. The Iranian aspect did not rest there. While Tehran responded positively, several Arab countries in the Gulf, already in bitter confrontation with Iran over Bahrain, felt that the new minister's timing was off. In Cairo, experts supported an opening with

Iran, as it would allow Egyptian diplomacy to exercise more influence over issues like the Arab-Israeli conflict, Lebanon, Gulf security and establishing a regional nuclear free zone. But, at the same time, several voices expressed concern at the style of handling this issue. It seemed that no prior coordination or consultation was undertaken with Gulf countries. Why now? Was this a response to discreet Gulf suggestions that ex-president Hosni Mubarak should be treated more leniently? In a hastily arranged Gulf trip, Prime Minister Sharaf reassured his hosts that "Gulf security was a red line for Egypt" and that the opening with Tehran would not be at the expense of relations with Gulf Arabs. But these reassurances seemed to have limited effect as the Gulf Cooperation Council moved to expand its membership to include Jordan and Morocco. The new regional order aligned Arab royal regimes in a cluster that left out countries experiencing uprisings (Egypt, Libya, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen) or facing instability (Iraq, Somalia and Sudan) or extreme poverty (Djibouti and Mauritania) -- hardly a winning hand.

Enter the Palestinian issue. The previous year had not ended well for the Palestinians. While Israel continued with its settlement policy, the mediation efforts of the US administration were going nowhere. The bid to reconcile Fatah and Hamas had failed and tensions were high between Hamas and Cairo. Then, suddenly, Egypt closed a reconciliation agreement between the Palestinians. The Israeli prime minister reacted negatively. The US was worried, insisting that Hamas needed to recognise Israel before being admitted as a partner. But Europe, more wisely, saw the agreement as a positive development. Then Egypt announced it was opening the Rafah Crossing; it would have nothing to do anymore with the siege of Gaza. Taken together, these signals were received enthusiastically by Egypt's revolutionary youth, intellectuals, media and political movements (mostly, perhaps, by the Muslim Brothers) as a sign of a more independent foreign policy. But life is complicated. Arab League Secretary- General Amr Moussa was leaving his post to contest the Egyptian presidency. After some hesitation, Egypt withdrew its initial candidate for the Arab League position and forwarded the name of a prominent politician, Mustafa El-Feki. When this nomination stumbled in the face of Qatari competition, it was replaced with Egypt's newly appointed foreign minister who was given the job by consensus. Which brings us full circle to the foreign policy questions presently being debated: What are the tenets of Egypt's new foreign policy? What should the objectives be? What strategies should be deployed? What is the job description for the new foreign minister?

THE NEW FRAME OF REFERENCE: For some 60 years, Egypt presented its foreign policy with reference to three circles: Arab, African and Islamic. The prolonged focus on the confrontation with Israel, and the bipolar international order helped set priorities and select strategies. In reality, Egyptian policy functioned with flexibility, embracing neutrality from the 1940s onwards while, at the same time, moving from quasi alliance with the USSR in the 1960s to a very close relationship with the US since the 1980s. The three circles were always anachronistic and limited intellectually; they did not elaborate on Egypt's priorities, nor did they explain how they would be pursued in a complex world. Moreover, the goalposts were moved with the collapse of the USSR, the Arab-Israeli peace agreements, and the withering of the Non-Aligned Movement. On top of that, over the last few months, the regional landscape has been changed dramatically -- particularly in the way it informs foreign policy. The multiple Arab uprisings emphasised democracy, human rights and participation. Egypt, now a model for change, felt the need to formulate a policy towards the tsunami wave of change hitting the region. So far, its foreign minister has considered popular uprisings in the region to be an internal matter for concerned countries. Indeed, he told the BBC that the "official position on this question was: no comment!" In the case of Libya, Egypt's position was explained in terms of ensuring the safety and livelihood of the large number of its citizens working there. But some analysts, like Mohamed Hassanein Heikal, were critical of the licence the Arab League gave NATO to intervene in Libya. Could not the Arabs have issued a stern warning to Gaddafi to abdicate? Shouldn't Egypt have played a more assertive role in directing events in this next-door neighbour? Why has the Arab League fallen silent since the Western intervention in Libya? How shrewd was it to send an Egyptian delegation to Muammar Gaddafi as late as May, without visiting the rebels?

To the south, another set of forces demand Egypt's attention: ensuring the continued flow of the Nile waters, responding to Sudan's fragmentation, and reducing the fallout from the chaos at the southern entrance of the Red Sea. While Egypt's newly energised political and civil society leaders launched "popular diplomacy" visits to Ethiopia and Uganda, it is clear that resolving contested issues will need more than such ice-breakers. Also on the southern front, the Egyptian navy has remained aloof from the 25-nation Combined Maritime Forces focussed on Somali pirates, themselves an offshoot of a neglected 20-year conflict. Egypt's foreign minister announced that his country wanted to achieve a full-fledged Arab-Israeli peace, not perpetuate the peace process. While the inter- Palestinian reconciliation was a first step in this direction, and a movement is underway to gain UN recognition for a Palestinian state, the reality is that stagnation looms ahead, at least for the next 18 months when the US presidential elections are behind us. What are the options during this period? In the Egyptian-Israeli context, it might be possible to open negotiations on improving access to Gaza, strengthening security arrangements in Sinai, and updating the price of Egyptian gas exports. If the Syria situation calms down (a big "if"), then Damascus may be interested in energising its own peace negotiations, as suggested recently by former US government adviser Bill Quant. Indeed, this possibility partially explains the gentler US treatment of Bashar Al-Assad in the face of a popular uprising. But there remains obscurity over how to deal with Binyamin Netanyahu's obstructionism, recently described by Thomas Friedman as the "Mubarak of the peace process". Meanwhile, non-Arab states of the Middle East have created a brand of diplomacy where ideas are energetically pursued with a variety of hard and soft power strategies. Both Turkey and Iran, in different ways, have increased the level of their interaction and influence in the region. The former established visa free travel zones with several Arab countries, expanded its Middle East trade relations and interceded on issues ranging from Syrian-Israeli peace negotiations, to mediating on Iran's nuclear programme and the Libyan situation. The stars of Turkish soap operas are household names in the region. Iran, albeit under a cloud due to internal repression and the refusal of Arab uprisings of Tehran's patronage, still has huge influence in Iraq, an alliance with Syria, Hizbullah and Hamas, and a nuclear programme that attracts popular admiration to the extent it appears to respond to Israel's atomic monopoly. A more dynamic Egyptian diplomacy will be measured against these standards. IT'S THE ECONOMY: Beyond this challenging landscape, Egypt's reaction to the new regional dynamics will be heavily conditioned by two critical factors: the economy and internal politics. Facing a serious downturn of revenues from tourism, a slackening of investment inflows and disrupted industrial production, IMF experts estimate that Egypt will need up to $12 billion over the next financial year in external assistance. The critical partners that have the capacity to respond to this requirement are the US, the EU and Gulf countries. At their recent summit at Deauville, the G8 pledged a combination of debt relief, aid and assistance to Egypt and Tunisia to help build their democracies. Earlier, speaking at Oxford, Qatari Prime Minister Hamad bin Jassem revived the idea of establishing a Middle East Development Bank to address "the lack of economic diversity, added to the high rate of unemployment among the youth sector". Cairo will need to ensure close, productive relations with this group of countries. The second factor will be the growing influence of internal politics on the foreign policy production process. For the past six decades, Egypt's foreign policy was designed and implemented through a closed system largely controlled by the president of the day and the elitist foreign affairs machinery. Gradually, after 25 January, a wider foreign policy debate has unfolded with inputs from political parties, independent experts, research centres and media, as demonstrated at the recent National Dialogue Conference in Cairo. In the near future, many predict that bodies like the proposed National Security Council, parliamentary foreign relations committees, and the Council of Ministers will institutionalise this role. Politically, the two currents of Islam and liberal democracy will come to bear on this debate. The danger here is that the growth of populist postures will impinge on a policy guided by principles and national interest.

In recent policy debates in Cairo, innovative ideas were in short supply as nostalgia prevailed. There was talk about the villa on Hishmet Street in Zamalek from where Nasser's Egypt supported African liberation movements and leaders. Some participants proposed reverting to older policies and instruments: refusing foreign economic assistance, activating Egypt's Nasr Export and Import Company in Africa and moving Egyptian farmers to Sudan. And yet, what is most needed at the moment is a new reading of tectonic changes in the region and internationally. For example, in the African context, Egypt needs to consider the new players on the field and the scale of their operations. Here, there has been a rapid growth of interaction with Asian powers. Currently, the volume of China's trade with Africa is over $125 billion annually, while trade between India and Africa has jumped from $1 billion in 2001 to almost $50 billion last year. India is the largest foreign investor in Ethiopia (with $4.78 billion invested last year) and its annual volume of trade with Addis Ababa is $272 million. At the recent India-Africa summit, India's prime minister pledged $5 billion over the next three years to support African countries in reaching the Millennium Development Goals, in addition to $700 million for developing institutions and another $300 million to building a Djibouti- Ethiopian railway. India also offered 22,000 higher education scholarships and funding for the African Union mission in Somalia (AMISOM). Meanwhile, South Africa has joined the BRIC grouping of Brazil, Russia, India and China. Such developments have changed the terrain and the possibilities for Egypt's movement in Africa, demanding closer engagement, innovation, and sustained effort.

The job description, and the ongoing head hunting, for Egypt's next minister of foreign affairs will need to take these factors into consideration, with emphasis on the ability to develop a new vision for the country's foreign policy. As French novelist Marcel Proust once said, "The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new lands, but in seeing with new eyes." Perhaps this, more than anything else, is what Egyptian diplomacy needs at the moment.

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Article 4.

Foreign Policy

Do the American people support the 'special relationship?'

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June 3, 2011 -- A couple of weeks ago, Americans were treated to a remarkably clear demonstration of the power of the Israel lobby in the United States. First, Barack Obama gave a speech on Middle East policy at the State Department, which tried to position America as a supporter of the Arab spring and reiterated his belief that a two-state solution is the best way to resolve the Israel-Palestinian conflict. The next day, he met with Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu, who rejected several of Obama's assertions and lectured him about what "Israel expects" from its great power patron. Then Obama felt it was smart politics to go to AIPAC and clarify his remarks. It was a pretty good speech, but Obama didn't offer any ideas for how his vision of Middle East peace might be realized and he certainly never suggested that -- horrors! -- the United States might use its considerable leverage to push both sides to an agreement. And then Netanyahu received a hero's welcome up on Capitol Hill, getting twenty-nine standing ovations for a defiant speech that made it clear that the only "two-state" solution he's willing to contemplate is one where the Palestinians live in disconnected Bantustans under near-total Israeli control.

Not surprisingly, this display of the lobby's influence made plenty of people uncomfortable, and some of them -- such as M.J. Rosenberg at Media Matters offered up some personal tales of their own run-ins with Israel's hardline backers. In response to Rosenberg's sally (and the hoopla surrounding the Netanyahu visit), Jonathan Chait of The

New Republic has fallen back on a familiar line of defense. After conceding that there is a lobby and that it does have a lot of influence, he argued that "the most important basis of American support for Israel is not the lobby but the public's overwhelming sympathy for Israel." In other words, AIPAC et al don't really matter that much, and all those standing ovations on Capitol Hill were really just a genuine reflection of public opinion. He also said that John Mearsheimer and I believe the lobby exerts "total control" over U.S. foreign policy, and that we claim groups in the lobby were solely responsible for the invasion of Iraq.

To deal with the last claim first, this straw-man depiction of our argument merely confirms once again that Chait has not in fact read our book. I don't find that surprising, because a careful reading of the book would reveal to him that we weren't anti-Israel or anti-Semitic, had made none of the claims he accuses us of, and had in fact amassed considerable evidence to support the far more nuanced arguments that we did advance. And then he'd have to ponder the fact that virtually everything The New Republic has ever published about us was bogus. So I can easily see why he prefers to repeat the same falsehoods and leave it at that.

But what of his more basic claim that the "special relationship" between the United States and Israel is really a reflection of "the public's overwhelming sympathy?" There are at least three big problems with this assertion.

First, even if it were true that the public had "overwhelming sympathy" for Israel, it does not immediately follow that United States policy would necessarily follow suit. U.S. officials frequently do things that a majority of Americans oppose, if they believe that doing so is in the U.S. interest. A majority of Americans oppose fighting on in Afghanistan, for example, yet the Obama administration chose to escalate that war instead. Similarly, numerous polls show that the American people favor the "public option" in health care, but that's not exactly the policy that health care reform produced. Public opinion is an important factor, of course, but what public officials decide to do almost always reflects a more complex weighting of political factors (including the intensity of public preferences, broader strategic considerations, the weight of organized interests, etc.)

Second, to the extent that the American public does have a favorable image of Israel -- and there's no question that it does -- that is at least partly due to the lobby's own efforts to shape public discourse and stifle negative commentary. The lobby doesn't "control the media," but "pro-Israel" groups like the ADL and CAMERA work actively to influence how Israel is portrayed in the United States, aided by reliably supportive publications like The New Republic. (As its former editor-in-chief Marty Peretz once admitted, "there's a sort of party line on Israel" at the journal). That's their privilege, of course, but groups and individuals in the lobby have also tried to silence or smear virtually any one who criticizes the "special relationship," and all-too-often those efforts succeed (if perhaps less frequently than they used to). If Americans were exposed to a more open discourse -- such as the discourse that prevails in Europe or in Israel itself -- Israel's favorable image would almost certainly decrease (though by no means disappear).

Third, and most important, the evidence suggests that the American people are not in favor of a one-sided "special relationship" where Israel gets unconditional American backing no matter what it does. Although there is no question that Americans have a generally favorable image of Israel and want the United States to help it survive and prosper, they are not demanding that U.S. politicians back it to the hilt or show the kind of craven adulation that Congress displayed last week.

For starters, many Americans recognize that one-sided support for Israel is a problem for the United States, and that figure is even higher among "opinion leaders." A Pew survey in November 2005 found that 39 percent of Americans saw the special relationship as a "major source of global discontent," and 78 percent of the news media, 72 percent of military leaders and 69 percent of foreign affairs specialists believed that backing Israel seriously damages America's image around the world. A 2003 survey by the University of Maryland reported that over 60 percent of Americans would be willing to withhold aid to Israel if it resisted pressure to settle the conflict with the Palestinians, and 73 percent said the United States should not favor either side. In fact, a survey conducted by the Anti-Defamation League in 2005 found that 78 percent of Americans believed that Washington should favor neither Israel nor the Palestinians. A 2010 survey by the Brookings Institution found similar results: although 25 percent of Americans thought the United States should "lean toward Israel" in its efforts to resolve the conflict, a healthy 67 percent believed the United States should "lean toward neither side."

Needless to say, such figures are hard to square with the robotic enthusiasm displayed by Congress, or with the Obama administration's timid approach to entire problem. But the behavior of both the executive and legislative branches are entirely consistent with the normal workings of interest group politics in the United States. In a democracy where freedom of association and speech are guaranteed, and where elections are expensive to run and where campaign contributions are weakly regulated, even relatively small groups can exercise considerable influence if they are strongly committed to a particular issue and the rest of the population does not care that much.

Whether the issue is farm subsidies or foreign policy, in short, special interest groups often wield disproportionate political power. Because countervailing forces are much weaker (as is the case when it comes to Middle East policy), groups like AIPAC and others have the field to themselves. Consider that in the 2010 election, "pro-Israel" PACs gave about $3 million to candidates from both parties. By comparison, Arab-American PACs gave less than $50,000. You can buy a lot of applause when the balance is stacked that way.

When you combine these facts with the sometimes thuggish tactics used against people who don't subscribe to the party line on this issue, you have a situation where politicians and appointed officials will bend over backwards to support the special relationship (or just remain silent), even when they know it's not good for the United States or Israel and when most Americans (including plenty of American Jews) would support a more normal relationship. In short, a relationship that would be healthier for the United States and Israel alike.

And the saddest part, as I've noted repeatedly, is that some people who care deeply about Israel and who see themselves as loyal defenders are the ones who are enabling its own self-defeating intransigence and threatening its future. Chait is a smart and well-informed guy, and his views on many subjects are thoughtful and nuanced. Which makes his failure to face the facts on this issue all the more surprising ... and regrettable.

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Article 5.

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The Battle for Pakistan

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June 3, 2011 -- The struggle for control of Pakistan - soon to be the fifth most populous country in the world with the fifth largest nuclear arsenal - intensifies every day. The outcome is far from certain. The key player, Pakistan's army, seems dangerously ambivalent about which side should prevail: the jihadist Frankenstein it created or the democratically elected civilian government it despises.

The American commando raid that killed Osama bin Laden on May 2nd accelerated the struggle underway inside Pakistan to determine the country's future. Contrary to some assessments, Pakistan is neither a failed state nor a failing state. It functions as effectively today as in decades past. Rather it is a state under siege from a radical syndicate of terror groups loosely aligned together with the goal of creating an extremist jihadist state in south Asia. They want to hijack Pakistan and its weapons. Less than a hundred hours after the Abbottabad raid, Al Qaeda's shura council, its command centre, announced the group was declaring war on Pakistan and the "traitors and thieves" in the government who had betrayed the "martyr shaykh" bin Laden to the Americans. It was ironic since many Americans suspect the Pakistani army was actually complicit in abetting bin Laden's successful evasion of the largest manhunt in human history for 10 years. That both Al Qaeda and America distrust the Pakistani army speaks volumes. Since then Al Qaeda and its allies in Pakistan have carried out their threat with a vengeance. Suicide bombings and other terror attacks have occurred across the country. The worst was an attack on a major Pakistani navy base in Karachi, a heavily guarded facility where both US and Chinese experts assist the navy. Two US-made P3 surveillance aircraft were destroyed in the attack. The assailants had insider knowledge of the base, and Pakistani security has arrested former naval personnel accused of helping the attackers. The Karachi attack illustrates the essence of the battle for Pakistan today. The militants support Al Qaeda, but were members of its ally the Pakistani Taliban. Their goal was to humiliate the navy. The navy fought back, but is riddled with jihadist sympathizers who help the militants. A Pakistani journalist, Syed Salman Shahzad, wrote an expose after the attack of the jihadist penetration of the military, especially the navy. He received threatening calls from the military's intelligence service, the notorious Inter Services Intelligence directorate, telling him to stop reporting on the issue, and was murdered shortly afterward. The Pakistani army is genuinely at war with parts of the syndicate of jihadi terror in Pakistan like Al Qaeda and the Taliban. It has more than 140,000 troops engaged in operations against the militants along the Afghan border. Some 35,000 Pakistanis including several thousand soldiers have died in the fighting since 2001, the equivalent of a dozen 911s. Dozens of ISI men have died. But the ISI is also still in bed with other parts of the syndicate like Lashkar e Tayyiba, the group that attacked Mumbai in 2008, and the Afghan Taliban that fights NATO. Despite years of American complaints, those partnerships are still intact. But the terrorists don't stay in the lanes the ISI wants them to stay in. For example, both LeT and the Taliban eulogized bin Laden after his death and mourned the departure of a great "hero" of their movements. The army's ambivalence about the jihad flows from its deep obsession with India. Pakistan - with American help - created the jihad in the 1980s to fight the Soviets in Afghanistan. But from the start the ISI, commanded by then dictator Zia ul Huq and his brilliant ISI director general Akhtar Rahman, planed to use jihadi groups against India as well and build an international cadre of mujahedin to help fight India. Over the decades the "S" Department of ISI established close connections with scores of jihadi groups, becoming a state within ISI, which in turn is a state within the army. The army decides national-security policy with little or no input from the political establishment. General Nadeem Taj exemplifies the story. Taj was former dictator Pervez Musharraf's right-hand man. They were together in 1999 when Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif fired Musharraf as chief of army staff while he was returning by plane from a visit to Sri Lanka. Taj orchestrated the coup that put Musharraf in power from the plane and was rewarded with several key jobs including in 2006 command of the Kakul Military Academy in Abbottabad, Pakistan's West Point or Sandhurst.It was on his watch as commandant of the academy that bin Laden moved into his hideout less than a mile away. Was Taj clueless or complicit?

In September 2007 Taj became DG/ISI replacing General Ashfaq Kayani who was promoted chief of army staff (COAS). Taj lasted less than a year before he was removed under intense pressure from Washington. The Bush administration had concluded that Taj's ISI was directly involved in the bombing of the Indian embassy in Kabul in 2008 and was undermining the new drone program to attack Al Qaeda targets inside Pakistan by warning the terrorists before attacks. Taj was regarded as either unable to rein in the S Department or complicit in its duplicity. Nonetheless, Taj was promoted to command a key corps in the army, the highest command level short of COAS. Now he has been accused of complicity in the planning of the Mumbai attack by several family members of the American victims of the terror rampage in a New York court case. It was on Taj's watch as DG/ISI that the attack was carefully planned by the LeT and the targets, including the Chabad house where most of the Americans died, were selected. David Headley, an American of Pakistani origin, has testified that the ISI was directly involved in the plot, and the US Department of Justice has assembled an impressive body of emails and other evidence that backs up his claims.

The jihadist penetrations of the army raise persistent questions about the security of Pakistan's nukes. According to a WikiLeaked State Department cable, from September 2009, France's national security adviser Jean-David Levitte told the American Embassy in Paris that France believes it is not secure. Levitte is one of the most astute diplomats in the world today, and he is almost certainly right.

The policies that would help wean the Pakistani army off its obsession with India and jihad are well known. A concerted effort to end the Indo-Pakistani conflict is essential. Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, despite Mumbai, is trying to do just that. But it is a hard challenge. Talks to resolve the relatively simple issue of the disputed Siachen Glacier, the world's highest war zone at the roof of the Himalayas, failed again in May. The harder issue, Kashmir, will probably take years to resolve at best.

But we don't have years. Only a fortnight before the Abbottabad raid, General Kayani gave a speech at the military academy in the city, almost within earshot of bin Laden. In his remarks Kayani claimed the back of the militant syndicate in Pakistan had been broken and the army had triumphed. It is now clear he was badly mistaken.

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Article 6.

The New Republic

We shouldn't remove all U.S. troops from Iraq

Fouad Ajami

June 3, 2011 -- The U.S. war in Iraq has just been given an unexpected seal of approval. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, in what he billed as his "last major policy speech in Washington," has owned up to the gains in Iraq, to the surprise that Iraq has emerged as "the most advanced Arab democracy in the region." It was messy, this Iraqi democratic experience, but Iraqis "weren't in the streets shooting each other, the government wasn't in the streets shooting its people," Gates observed. The Americans and the Iraqis had not labored in vain; the upheaval of the Arab Spring has only underlined that a decent polity had emerged in the heart of the Arab world. Robert Gates has not always been a friend of the Iraq war. He was a member in good standing, it should be recalled, of the Iraq Study Group, a panel of sages and foreign policy luminaries, co-chaired by James Baker and Lee Hamilton, who had taken a jaundiced view of the entire undertaking in Iraq. Their report endorsed a staged retreat from the Iraq war and an accommodation with Syria and Iran. When Gates later joined the cabinet of George W. Bush, after the "thumping" meted out to the Republicans in the congressional elections of 2006, his appointment was taken as a sharp break with the legacy of his predecessor, Donald Rumsfeld. It was an open secret that the outlook of the new taciturn man at the Department of Defense had no place in it for the spread of democracy in Arab lands. Over a long career, Secretary Gates had shared the philosophical approach of Zbigniew Brzezinski and Brent Scowcroft, peers of his and foreign policy “realists” who took the world as it is. They had styled themselves as unillusioned men who had thought that the Iraq war, and George W. Bush’s entire diplomacy of freedom, were projects of folly—romantic, self deluding undertakings in the Arab world.

To the extent that these men thought of the Greater Middle East, they entered it through the gateway of the Israeli-Palestinian struggle. The key to the American security dilemma in the region, they maintained, was an Arab-Israeli settlement that would drain the swamps of anti-Americanism and reconcile the Arab “moderates” to the Pax Americana. This was a central plank of the Iraq Study Group—the centrality of the Israeli-Palestinian issue to the peace of the region, and to the American position in the lands of Islam.

Nor had Robert Gates made much of a secret of his reading of Iran. He and Zbigniew Brzezinski had been advocates of “engaging” the regime in Tehran—this was part of the creed of the “realists.” It was thus remarkable that, in his last policy speech, Gates acknowledged a potentially big payoff of the American labor in Iraq: a residual U.S. military presence in that country as a way of monitoring the Iranian regime next door.

Is Gates right about both the progress in Iraq and the U.S. future in the country? In short, yes. The Iraqis needn’t trumpet the obvious fact in broad daylight, but the balance of power in the Persian Gulf would be altered for the better by a security arrangement between the United States and the government in Baghdad. The Sadrists have already labeled a potential accord with the Americans as a deal with the devil, but the Sadrists have no veto over the big national decisions in Baghdad. If the past is any guide, Prime Minister Nuri Al Maliki has fought and won a major battle with the Sadrists; he crushed them on the battlefield but made room for them in his coalition government, giving them access to spoils and patronage, but on his terms.

Democracy, it turns out, has its saving graces: Nuri Al Maliki need not shoulder alone the burden of sustaining a security accord with the Americans. He has already made it known that the decision to keep American forces in Iraq would depend on the approval of the major political blocs in the country, and that the Sadrists would have no choice but to accept the majority's decision. The Sadrists would be left with the dubious honor of "resistance" to the Americans—but they would hold onto the privileges granted them by their access to state treasury and resources. Muqtada Al Sadr and the political functionaries around him know that life bereft of government patronage and the oil income of a centralized state is a journey into the wilderness.

There remains, of course, the pledge given by presidential candidate Barack Obama that a President Obama would liquidate the American military role in Iraq by the end of 2011. That pledge was one of the defining themes of his bid for the presidency, and it endeared him to the "progressives" within his own party, who had been so agitated and mobilized against the Iraq war. But Barack Obama is now the standard-bearer of America's power. He has broken with the "progressives" over Afghanistan, the use of drones in Pakistan, Guantánamo, military tribunals, and a whole host of national security policies that have (nearly) blurred the line between his policies and those of his predecessor. The left has grumbled, but, in the main, it has bowed to political necessity. At any rate, the fury on the left that once surrounded the Iraq war has been spent; a residual American presence in Iraq would fly under the radar of the purists within the ranks of the Democratic Party. They will be under no obligation to give it their blessing. That burden would instead be left to the centrists—and to the Republicans.

It is perhaps safe to assume that Robert Gates is carrying water for the Obama administration—an outgoing official putting out some necessary if slightly unpalatable political truths. Gates is an intensely disciplined man; he has not been a free-lancer, but instead has forged a tight personal and political relationship with President Obama. His swan song in Washington is most likely his gift to those left with maintaining and defending the American position in Iraq and in the Persian Gulf.

It is a peculiarity of the American-Iraq relationship that it could yet be nurtured and upheld without fanfare or poetry. The Iraqis could make room for that residual American presence while still maintaining the fiction of their political purity and sovereignty. For their part, American officials could be discreet and measured; they needn't heap praise on Iraq nor take back what they had once said about the war—and its costs and follies. Iraq's neighbors would of course know what would come to pass. In Tehran, and in Arab capitals that once worried about an American security relationship with a Shia-led government in Baghdad, powers would have to make room for this American-Iraqi relationship. The Iranians in particular will know that their long border with Iraq is, for all practical purposes, a military frontier with American forces. It will be no consolation for them that this new reality so close to them is the work of their Shia kinsmen, who come to unexpected power in Baghdad.

The enemy will have a say on how things will play out for American forces in Iraq. Iran and its Iraqi proxies can be expected to do all they can to make the American presence as bloody and costly as possible. A long, leaky border separates Iran from Iraq; movement across it is quite easy for Iranian agents and saboteurs. They can come in as "pilgrims," and there might be shades of Lebanon in the 1980s, big deeds of terror that target the American forces. The Iraqi government will be called upon to do a decent job of tracking and hunting down saboteurs and terrorists, as this kind of intelligence is not a task for American soldiers. This will take will and political courage on the part of Iraq's rulers. They will have to speak well of the Americans and own up to the role that American forces are playing in the protection and defense of Iraq. They can't wink at anti-Americanism or give it succor.

Even in the best of worlds, an American residual presence in Iraq will have its costs and heartbreak. But the United States will have to be prepared for and accept the losses and adversity that are an integral part of staying on, rightly, in so tangled and difficult a setting.

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Article 7.

Asharq Alawsat

Iran: The fight at the top heats up

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03 June 2011 -- To jump or not to jump? For Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, that has become the question.

Not long ago, Ahmadinejad was regarded as the most powerful of the five presidents the Islamic Republic in its three decades of existence. With the opposition "green" movement almost silenced, his administration faced no serious challenge within the Khomeinist movement establishment. Ahmadinejad also marked some success selling his doctrine of "Iranian Islam" as a substitute for the hotchpotch concocted by Ayatollah Khomeini. Translated into 30 languages, his authorised biography, "Ahmadinejad: The Miracle of the Century", was supposed to have sold a million copies.

His entourage boasted that, in the 2009 presidential election he would have won 35 million, rather than 25 million accorded him. The entourage claimed that, Ahmadinejad lost 10 million votes because of his association with "Supreme Guide" Ali Khamenei.

The entourage also claimed that Ahmadinejad supporters are poised to win a two-thirds majority in next year's parliamentary election.

Today, things look different.

Tehran is full of rumors that, deeply depressed, Ahmadinejad may be thinking of stepping down.

The media controlled by Khamenei maintain a daily barrage of attacks against the president.

The other day, the newspaper Kayhan ran this headline: "Ahmadinejad on Way to Anathema (Takfir)".

Media attacks may not be the main source of Ahmadinejad's reported depression. Hardly a day passes without Khamenei vetoing a decision of the president.

Ahmadinejad wanted to sack Heydar Moslehi, the Minister of Intelligence and Security. Khamenei intervened to reinstate the minister whose incompetence had become proverbial.

Ahmadinejad sulked for 11 days before swallowing "the biter pill" and re-admitting the mullah Moslehi to the Cabinet.

Ahmadinejad wanted to merge four ministries to cut bureaucratic costs. Khamenei intervened to refer the matter to the Islamic Majis, Iran's fake parliament.

The "Supreme Guide" also ordered that new ministers submit to a vote of confidence in the Majlis.

The message that Ahmadinejad is in office at Khamenei's pleasure is circulated by the latter's entourage. The other day, Muhammad-Reza Bahonar, a Khamenei mouthpiece in the Majlis, told the press that the "Supreme Guide" wanted " to retain the president until the natural end of his administration" in 2013.

The media controlled by Khamenei miss no opportunity to brand Ahmadinejad's closest associate, Esfandiar Masha'i, as "an enemy of Islam", a " Persian nationalist", and even "an agent of Imperialism."

In a statement circulated in Tehran last week, Hezbollah, a group controlled by security services, threatened to kill Masha'i.

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Asked about the nature of leadership, Keating reveals what lies within his heart: "I believe there is a poetic strand to life that doesn't exist in an economics textbook.

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I trust this might be evident to the reader.

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Sent: 10/31/2011 3:08:38 PM
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Subject: Re: After Words

Importance: High

Send me your phone number

Sorry for all the typos .Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 31, 2011, at 10:42 AM, Katherine Keating <[redacted]> wrote:

In NY. You?

On Oct 31, 2011, at 6:50 AM, Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

where are you?

On Mon, Oct 31, 2011 at 4:21 AM, Katherine Keating <[redacted]> wrote:

> Dear Friends,
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> I wanted to share with you the forward to my father's new book '*After Words*'. He truly is an inspiration and so is his writing. The book, which is a compilation of his speeches, was launched yesterday in Sydney. I will be sure to send you a copy, it's a brilliant read.
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> I trust this email finds you well.
>
> Kindest regards
>
> Katherine X
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> # Creativity is central to our endeavours
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> - BY:PAUL KEATING
> - From:
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> The Australian
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> - October 22, 2011 12:00AM
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> **Paul Keating is aware that many people see him as a puzzle and contradiction. During the interview he explained he wrote this introduction to his book as a guide to help people see the unifying philosophy of his life, public and private.**
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> FRIEDRICH Schiller, the German philosopher, said: "If man is ever to solve the problems of politics in practice he will have to approach it through the problem of the aesthetic, because it is only through beauty that man makes his way to freedom."

Romantic and idealistic as that view may seem to some, the thought is revelatory of the fact that the greater part of human aspiration has been informed by individual intuition and privately generated passions, more than it has through logic or scientific revelation. The moral basis of our public life, our social organisation, has come from within us - by aspiration and by light, not by some process of logical deduction.

Immanuel Kant referred to our inner impulses as "the higher self", an unconscious search for truth, going deeply into ourselves to establish who we are and what we should be.

Beauty is about the quest for perfection or an ideal, and that quest has to begin with aesthetic imagination - something informed by conscience, carved by duty. Kant called it "the inner command", the ethical construct one creates to guide one from within.

But we need tools to mine good intentions: inspirations, ones which await the creative spark, the source of all enlargement. Creativity is central to our progress and to all human endeavour.

Music provides the clue: unlike other forms of art, music is not representational. Unlike the outcome of the sciences, it was never discoverable or awaiting discovery. A Mahler symphony did not exist before Mahler created it.

E.T.A. Hoffman, a contemporary of Beethoven's, famously said: "Music reveals to man an unknown realm, a world quite separate from the outer sensual world surrounding him, a world in which he leaves behind all feelings circumscribed by intellect in order to embrace the inexpressible."

This is not to turn our back on reason. Or to argue that modernism, with all its secular progress through education, industrialisation, communications, transport and the centralised state, has not spectacularly endowed the world as no other movement before it. But a void exists between the drum-roll of mechanisation with its cumulative power of science and the haphazard, explosive power of creativity and passion. Science is forever trying to undress nature while the artistic impulse is to be wrapped in it.

While these approaches are different - perhaps often diametrically opposite - they inform related strands of thinking in ways that promote energy and vision.

This is what I have found when these forces are contemplated in tandem. When passion and reason vie with each other, the emerging inspiration is invariably deeper and of an altogether higher form. One is able to knit between them, bringing into existence an overarching unity - a coherence - which fidelity to the individual strands cannot provide.

In the world I have lived in, the world of politics, political economy and internationalism, the literature exists in abundance. But what is far from abundant are the frameworks for the intuitive resolution of complex problems that require multi-dimensional solutions.

But from where do we glean this extra dimensionality?

For me, it has always been from two sources: policy ambition in its own right and from imagination - the dreaming. Policy ambition arising from Kant's higher self, and imagination promoted by those reliable wellsprings - music, poetry, art and architecture - blending the whole into a creative flux.

This collection of speeches reflects many of those interests and impulses - whether it be Joern Utzon's Opera House or the imperative of liberal internationalism in foreign policy or Neoclassicism, the future of native title or the rise of China. Each is related in a wider construct which is part and parcel of the way I have viewed and thought about the world.

While the speeches are from the period after my prime ministerial life and period in government, the impulse in writing them came from the same framework and inclinations which informed my life in public office.

The speeches may be read individually or read together, subject to subject, idea to idea. Either way, a common thread informs them all.

I trust this might be evident to the reader.

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Paul Keating explains as never before

- **BY:PAUL KELLY, EDITOR-AT-LARGE**
- From:The Australian
- October 22, 2011 12:00AM

WITH his panoramic view of world affairs sharper than ever, Paul Keating blames the current global crisis on blunders by European and US leaders and warns that Australia must rediscover the keys to national success.

Interviewed in his Sydney office, furnished in a style he calls "the last gasp of revolutionary classicism", Keating's new 600-plus page book sits atop his desk, an insight into his intellectual, aesthetic and political obsessions.

What has Keating been doing since he left office in 1996? He has been travelling, speaking and analysing the world and Australia with undiminished intensity suggesting a man operating as prime minister-in-exile.

His idea of leadership is more philosophical than ever, more distant from Bob Hawke or John Howard. His focus is the synthesis between beauty and reason and his book encompasses China's currency, the world malaise, Mahler's Symphony No2 and broaching the republic with the Queen.

During the interview Keating talks, as never before, about his leadership concept. But he is doing something else: explaining himself to a still puzzled nation.

"The great changes in civilisation and society have been wrought by deeply held beliefs and passion rather than by a process of rational deduction," Keating tells me. In retirement, his political inspiration comes from music and beauty, not opinion polls.

There are signs he has mellowed. While ruthless with his judgments Keating is keen to support a struggling Labor Party while addressing the source of its strategic demise.

"The failure of the Rudd and Gillard administrations is the lack of an over-arching story, the lack of a compelling story," he says when interviewed last week.

"I'm happy that Labor took us through this dreadful financial crisis so competently. But they are not in the business of teaching. And governments, to succeed with change, must be in the business of educating the community.

"Our Labor governments have failed to conceptualise the changes. We need a framework.

"What is the framework? It is 'Australia in Transition' strategically and economically. That's the story we have to present.

"I think the Australian people are very conscientious. During the 1980s and 1990s we proved they will respond conscientiously to necessary reforms. They mightn't like them but they'll accept them. But reforms have to be presented in a digestible format.

"I know that in the age of the internet, opinion and perpetual static it is difficult to get the message over. I accept that. But the big messages have their own momentum. If we get the story of transition right then other things will find their place.

"Our problem is what I call shooting-star policies. We have a policy on carbon pricing, on minerals, on boatpeople, but they are not connected up to the big picture about Australia's direction and its transition."

Pressed on whether he thinks the Australian Labor Party is in permanent decline, Keating defends Labor, insists it doesn't have to decline but highlights the problem. "Labor must recognise what it has created," he says, invoking the Hawke-Keating era. "It has a created a new society and it has to be the party of the new society.

"It can't be the party of part of the old society. Labor must be the party of those people who gained from the pro-market growth economy that we created. Labor must be open to the influences of this middle class, to people on higher incomes. And I don't think it is."

It is, perhaps, the clearest statement of Labor's problem. The party, in an act of strategic folly, abandoned the path of its previous success. It turned inwards on itself, away from the community.

"At the operating level it's become the party of insiders," Keating says. "The problem is that members get too caught up in the gift of faction managers and they get caught up in the false construct of popularity, the false god."

Fixated by the nature of political leadership, Keating's book After Words shouts out: "The great curse of modern political life is incrementalism."

Leaning across the table he says to me that briefing notes and economic texts aren't enough: the leader must locate his own source of higher command and inner belief. He laments the efforts of US President Barak Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel in the teeth of contemporary challenges.

"There is nothing preordained about American decline any more than the European project is destined to fail," he writes.

"But the portents are not good. Despite the rhetoric, President Obama conducts himself as an arbitrator or mediator between the competing strands of American economic and political ideology. He repeatedly eschews striking out, snatching the naked flame and hanging on. But the cost of this strategy is not simply a cost to him; it is a cost to the whole world.

"On the other hand, Chancellor Merkel is the archetypal worry-wart. She does not lead; she assesses.

"You really wonder why leaders want these jobs when they really do not want to lead. And what is their risk? That Barack Obama will not get a second term? Or that Angela Merkel's coalition might finally end up on the rocks? If they actually made the leap they might astound themselves. Because, in the end, everyone in political life gets carried out - the only relevant question is whether the pallbearers will be crying."

For Keating, the 20th-century leader exerting most influence on the coming century is China's Deng Xiaoping.

"If you look at the other figures of the century, Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin and Mao, none will leave the legacy in terms of the 21st century that Deng leaves," he says. "He walked away from the ideology of the Communist Party just as effectively as Mikhail Gorbachev walked away from the essence of the Soviet Union."

By 2050 Keating sees a world order with nations in terms of gross domestic product in this hierarchy: (1) China, (2) US, (3) India, (4) Japan, (5) Brazil, (6) Russia, (7) Britain, (8) Germany, (9) France and (10) Italy.

The key, however, is that Japan lags a distant fourth behind the top three.

On America, Keating is dismayed by the pivotal change in its outlook after the end of the Cold War. "When the Berlin Wall came down the Americans cried victory and walked off the field," he says.

"Yet the end of the Cold War offered the chance for America to develop a new world order. It didn't know what to do with its victory. This at the moment the US should have begun exploiting the opportunity of establishing a new world order to embrace open regionalism and the inclusion of great states like China, India and the then loitering Russia.

"Well, frankly, the US didn't have the wisdom. It just wanted to celebrate its peace dividend. The two Clinton terms and the two George W. Bush terms, that's four presidential terms, have cost US mightily."

For Keating, the malaise in US politics is the problem. He says: "The most compelling thing I've seen in years is that in the great burst of American productivity between 1990 and 2008, of that massive increment to national income, none of it went to wages. By contrast, in Australia real wages over the same period had risen by 30 per cent." Keating sees this "as the breakdown of America's national compact", the shattering of its prosperity deal. He says American conservatives abandoned the middle ground represented by Republican presidents such as Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard Nixon and Bush Sr and became radicals. The derailment, he argues, began under Ronald Reagan and reached its zenith under George W. Bush.

With the goodwill gone the US "is not able to produce a medium-term credible fiscal trajectory or get agreement on rebuilding its infrastructure". This paralysis "is significant not just for the US but for the world."

Keating links the collapse of this "prosperity compact" to the financial crisis. Too many Americans were unable to sustain themselves from wages and salaries.

How did they get by? They used the easy credit of the banking system, thereby feeding the frenzy that ended in bad loans and meltdown.

Keating's book has an abiding message for Australia: in the transformed world we "will find ourselves increasingly on our own" having to master our own destiny.

The job is to rediscover the productivity and savings agenda of the 1990s. Why did Australia survive the 2008 financial crisis? "Because of the flexibility of the economy," Keating says. "Flexibility which came from the reform of Australia's financial, product and labour markets that began 25 years ago. This has given us one of the most flexible economies in the world - arguably the most flexible. But further structural changes are ahead of us."

He lists them. It is a mix of the new and old Keating agenda: a shift in resources to the extractive industries; a lift in capital inflow driving a high current account deficit putting a premium on savings; recognition that competitiveness will lie "in the creativity of our people as much as it does in our oil and gas"; a renewed emphasis on the value of hi-tech and education; and above all, a cultural change that integrates Australia more into East Asia. "Cultural transformation is the key for us," Keating says. He rates it as more important than economic reform.

"There is less interest now in being part of East Asia than there was in the 1990s," he laments.

Keating wants this idea revived. And he ties it to the republic arguing that to succeed in Asia we must become a republic, a proposition Howard always dismissed.

On China, Keating is an optimist yet alive to the daunting economic challenge China now confronts. "What is happening in China knows no precedence in world economic history," he says. "Never before have 1.25 billion people dragged themselves from poverty at such a pace. China is now half the GDP of the US and incomes have risen by a factor of 10." He argues, however, that the origin of the 2008 financial crisis lies in the global imbalances - China has built huge foreign exchange reserves by exporting too much and America, in turn, is saving too little.

Keating says: "China must shift the basis of growth from net exports and investment to domestic consumption. Will they achieve this? Probably. Will there be strains along the way? There have to be."

Unlike many Australian leaders, Keating is a Europhile. "I think the European project is the most significant project since the second world war," he says. But he sees two huge blunders made in Europe.

From the euro's inception, Keating said it should constitute only Germany, France and the Benelux nations, not the peripheral countries around the Mediterranean, and "Greece should never have been allowed in".

Why were the weaker economies given entry?

Keating says: "It's because president Mitterrand and the French wanted it. They weren't ready to sit beside the German unified state without some friends."

So the eurozone was flawed from the outset, a structure awaiting internal assault: "The problem is we have a single currency without a political union and without a fiscal union."

The second blunder was the 1990s expansion of NATO to the Russian border. For Keating, this was recklessness for which the world may yet pay.

"Sensible policy would have included a place for Russia in the new world order," he says. "But that didn't happen. So Russian liberals were pushed to one side by Russian nationalists. In a sense the US has created Vladimir Putin."

Who is responsible? He points the finger at Bill Clinton.

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To: Mohamed Waheed Hassan [redacted]
Subject: Re:

it is a scam.. what they willl tell you is the only thing they want is a vehicle and a bank acct and that you have no risk in setting it up. if the money doesn't come in , you lose nothing,, afterwards howver they use all the info you provide to try to defraud other people , saying , see , the govt of the maldives is our client and for only 250 k , we can get you a piece of the action. there is a treasury fraud site , at the us treasury web page, . very similar deals.

On Sat, Jan 26, 2013 at 10:49 PM, Mohamed Waheed Hassan <[redacted]> wrote:

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> as chairman of the council of europe , he is really mr human rights, Im sure that if he can be of help, he will
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> On Fri, Jan 18, 2013 at 5:27 AM,[redacted] <[redacted]> wrote:
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>> I remember meeting Jagland at your place when I came with Sultan.
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>> Sent from Windows Mail
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>> **From:** Jeffrey Epstein
>> **Sent:** 18 January, 2013 2:40 AM

To: Mohamed Waheed Hassan
Subject: Re:

also be advised that thorbjorn jagland is a great friend.

On Thu, Jan 17, 2013 at 3:26 PM, Mohamed Waheed Hassan <[redacted]> wrote:

> Hi,
> Would be great if Lisa could visit us. She sounds like the right person to help us get organized.
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> Maldives just got elected Vice President of International Renewable Energy Agency. We are also Vice Chair of the UN Human Rights Council. Not too bad considering we had so much bad coverage this year internationally.
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> On Thu, Jan 10, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Mohammed Waheed Hassan <[redacted]> wrote:
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>> Hi,
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>> The campaign team is starting to come together. We are continuing discussions with Jim and tomorrow we will meet him face to face on skype. We will brief him on the situation here so that he will be able to advice us more effectively. Already he has sent some very useful suggestions and we are working on them.
>>
>> Getting the right people to head various aspects on the campaign is difficult here but we should be able to pull the team together shortly.
>>
>> We will need some more help from Ian and Rory because we are still weak on international communication. Some old negative stuff keeps coming up in the Guardian newspaper in England. But most of the international media is not paying much attention to Maldives right now.
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>> I have asked Rory to help find a full time communications guy to stay here for about a year to work with me. He doesn't have to be an expert, just a good graduate student would do. Some really positive stuff is also happening now and we need the world to know about them.
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>> World Energy Forum and CGI guys are here. I am meeting Clinton people in a few minutes.
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>> I have some funding now but will ask all friends to help raise more later when things start happening in full swing. Election is now scheduled to early September.
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>> Hope all is well and look forward to seeing you here in the not too distant future.
>> Warm regards,
>> Waheed

On Jan 9, 2013, at 6:03 PM, Jeffrey Epstein wrote:

how is it shaping up?   what are the biggest hurdles.

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> Thank you. You are my savior. I will do exactly what you said.
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as chairman of the council of europe , he is really mr human rights,   Im sure that if he can be of help, he will

On Fri, Jan 18, 2013 at 5:27 AM, [redacted] wrote:

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> **From:** Jeffrey Epstein
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> **To:** Mohamed Waheed Hassan
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> also be advised that thorbjorn jagland is a great friend.
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> On Thu, Jan 17, 2013 at 3:26 PM, Mohamed Waheed Hassan [redacted] wrote:
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>> Hi,
>> Would be great if Lisa could visit us. She sounds like the right person to help us get organized.
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>> Maldives just got elected Vice President of International Renewable Energy Agency. We are also Vice Chair of the UN Human Rights Council. Not too bad considering we had so much bad coverage this year internationally.
>> Best regards,
>> Waheed
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>> On Jan 17, 2013, at 7:01 PM, Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> my friend in sweden , lisa svensson, would be perfect as your right hand orgainzing your team,, she has diplomaitc experieince and is currently amabssador to the oceans for sweden
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>> On Thu, Jan 10, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Mohammed Waheed Hassan [redacted] wrote:
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>>> Hi,
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>>> The campaign team is starting to come together. We are continuing discussions with Jim and tomorrow we will meet him face to face on skype. We will brief him on the situation here so that he will be able to advice us more effectively. Already he has sent some very useful suggestions and we are working on them.
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>>> Getting the right people to head various aspects on the campaign is difficult here but we should be able to pull the team together shortly.

We will need some more help from Ian and Rory because we are still weak on international communication. Some old negative stuff keeps coming up in the Guardian newspaper in England. But most of the international media is not paying much attention to Maldives right now.

I have asked Rory to help find a full time communications guy to stay here for about a year to work with me. He doesn't have to be an expert, just a good graduate student would do. Some really positive stuff is also happening now and we need the world to know about them.

World Energy Forum and CGI guys are here. I am meeting Clinton people in a few minutes.

I have some funding now but will ask all friends to help raise more later when things start happening in full swing. Election is now scheduled to early September.

Hope all is well and look forward to seeing you here in the not too distant future.
Warm regards,
Waheed

On Jan 9, 2013, at 6:03 PM, Jeffrey Epstein wrote:

how is it shaping up?   what are the biggest hurdles.

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Tunisia: Tunisia's transition suffered a terrible blow on February 6th when leftist opposition alliance founder and head of the Democratic Patriots party Chokri Belaid was shot dead outside his home in Tunis. The event drew thousands of protestors to the streets, clamoring against the leading Islamist Ennahda party. The events heighten the Islamist-secular divide that has featured in the Tunisian transition and the Arab Spring at large. Tunisian Prime Minister Hamadi Jebali described the event as the "assassination of the Tunisian revolution" and promised to dissolve the Islamist-led government and form a technocrat government aimed at promoting national unity at this divisive time.

Egypt: The second anniversary of the Egyptian revolution on January 25th was marked less by celebration than it was by violence, culminating in a week of unrest that took the lives of more than 50 people. The week was also marked by the imposition of a curfew, state of emergency, and large military deployment in the cities of Suez, Ismailliya, and Port Said. The events reflect the disillusionment of Egyptians, given the lack of progress on both political and economic fronts, while also revealing the state's limitations in restoring order and the rule of law to the streets. That the army—the country's most powerful institution—warned of the "collapse of the state" is a telling and serious message, conveying the institution's growing frustration with the political impasse.

The recent violence has also generated serious economic losses and fuel shortages, and caused yet another delay with the much-needed IMF loan. It will be interesting to see how the recent violence—as well as the general malaise caused by economic woes—affects the Muslim Brotherhood's performance in the upcoming parliamentary election (which is yet to be scheduled). A recent report issued by the Brotherhood's political bureau hinted that the party's popularity has been in decline.

Against this backdrop of political and economic turmoil, the 12th summit of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) convened in Cairo on February 5th with a number of key players in the region in attendance—among them President Gül of Turkey, Emir Hamad al-Thani of Qatar, and Saudi Crown Prince Salman. The summit aimed to discuss Syria, Mali, and the Palestinian issue. The spotlight, however, was on Mahmoud Ahmadinejad: the first Iranian president to visit Egypt since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

Libya: On January 31st, European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton announced the launch of a two-year civil mission to help secure Libya's 4,000-kilometer border. The announcement was complemented by a surprise visit to Tripoli by David Cameron, who also announced his government's commitment to helping the Libyan military and police with training and support. Furthermore, a meeting in Paris the week of February 11th will bring together a number of countries to discuss security cooperation and the future of the Libyan legal system. These initiatives are a telling manifestation of the urgent need to address security in Libya—especially border security—given the Mali crisis, the recent terrorist incident in Algeria, and concerns about security and stability across North Africa.

Jordan: The results of the Jordanian parliamentary election came as no surprise: pro-government candidates strengthened their hold, though state television reported that the majority of the 150 seats had been won by independents (an indicator that tribal allegiance is becoming a more important factor than party politics). According to official figures, 56 percent of the country's 2.3 million registered voters turned out for the ballot, with the most obvious absence being that of the Muslim Brotherhood, which protested what it considered to be a biased ballot. It remains unclear who will succeed Prime Minister Abdullah Ensur (who submitted his resignation to King Abdullah on January 29th), although analysts and commentators consider it likely that a number of unexpected appointments will be made in an effort to address the growing malaise. Media reports speculate that there are also plans to set up an official channel for communication with the Muslim Brotherhood. Meanwhile, it appears that King Abdullah is seeking to bolster ties with regional allies, perhaps for both political and economic reasons: the King made visits to Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, and Kuwait from January 29th to February 4th.

Syria: Israeli warplanes are generally believed to have struck a convoy en route to Lebanon on January 30th, although this has not been confirmed by the government of Israel. The convoy was reported to have been carrying sophisticated antiaircraft weaponry to Hezbollah. The attack—carried out on the outskirts of Damascus—was met by a sharp threat of retaliation from both the Syrian and Iranian governments: a significant indicator of the regional reverberations of the Syrian civil war and the general volatility permeating the region.

Despite the lack of progress of an international peace initiative spearheaded by Special Envoy Lakhdar Brahimi, a new plan by Syrian opposition leader Moaz al-Khatib—comprising a dialogue with President al-Assad based on the principle of the regime's departure—offers a glimmer of hope. Upon meeting with al-Khatib on February 3rd, the foreign ministers of Iran and Russia (the closest allies of the al-Assad regime) seem to have agreed to help facilitate this process—an interesting turn of events. The new plan comes as the humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate, although some help is foreseen from the $1.5 billion in pledges made at a donors' conference on January 30th in Kuwait.

Israel: While recent elections kept Netanyahu's Likud party in the lead by winning 31 of 120 seats in the Knesset, the new centrist party Yesh Atid's ability to win 19 seats under the leadership of Yair Lapid garnered all the attention. The results generated media debate about the possibility of a shift in Israeli policy vis-à-vis the Palestinians. In fact, the election campaign and its results were centered on domestic and socioeconomic issues, and internal reform. Furthermore, Yesh Atid is known to maintain an ambiguous stance on the peace process.

On January 29th, Israel became the first country to boycott a United Nations review of its human rights practices, despite the United States' and other political players' advice to participate. This is a breach of an established practice of cooperation and thus represents precedence for noncooperation by other states. It also leaves the question of human rights in occupied Palestinian territories outside the jurisdiction of the international community. It remains unclear, however, whether the newly elected government will make a pragmatic effort to reengage with the UN review effort.

Bahrain: On January 21st King Hamad al-Khalifa issued a decree endorsing a renewed national dialogue. Subsequently, on February 4th, Minister of Justice Khalid bin Ali al-Khalifa announced that the national dialogue would resume on February 10th. Press reports indicate willingness by the opposition's to participate in the dialogue.

Iran: President Ahmadinejad was warmly welcomed by President Morsi upon arrival in Cairo on February 5th and, interestingly, by the Sunni leadership of Al-Azhar. The Iranian leader reciprocated by offering to provide Egypt with a "big credit line" to help its lagging economy, a telling indication of Tehran's desire for a rapprochement. The reaction on the Egyptian street, however, was generally negative, revealing thedisconnect between a dominant Muslim Brotherhood political elite reaching out to an Islamist power and a critical faction of Egyptian society hostile to this shift. The meeting is not necessarily an indicator that bilateral ties will improve, given Egypt's much-savored relationship with other Gulf countries (not to mention the United States). It does represent a re-balancing of relationships in a changing Middle East nonetheless.

A new round of talks between Iran and the P5+1 (five permanent members of the Security Council plus Germany) has now been scheduled to take place on February 26th following weeks of conflicting reports and what seemed to be a diplomatic stalemate. This represents the first effort at talks at the political directors' level since the Moscow meeting in June of 2012. While the talks are restarting just over a month after the start of US President Obama's second term, Iran appears to have moved into its political season: tensions between President Ahmadinejad and the speaker of the Majlis, Larjani, have gone public with mutual recriminations about corrupt family members and associates.

Saudi Arabia: Former intelligence chief Prince Muqrin bin Abdulaziz was appointed second deputy prime minister of Saudi Arabia on February 2nd, a role traditionally associated with the incumbent being second in line to become king. Prince Muqrin is the youngest son of the kingdom's founder.

Yemen: A UN Security Council delegation visited Yemen on January 27th in a show of support to President Hadi and Yemen's political transition. The visit reflects the Security Council's interest in seeing Yemen move forward with the National Dialogue Conference. During the visit there were large demonstrations, as thousands demanded a fair and just approach in dealing with former president Ali Abdullah Saleh, who has received immunity under the Gulf Cooperation Council initiative.

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Article 1.

Washington Post

Obama to make first trip to Israel, part of a potential 'new beginning' with region

Scott Wilson

President Obama will travel to Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories next month to make an early second-term push for peace negotiations between two divided governments and to assess the broader political developments remaking the Middle East.

It will be Obama's first trip as president to Israel, where suspicions run high in the aftermath of his unsuccessful early efforts at Middle East peacemaking.

The choice of destination — one that Obama avoided in his first term — suggests a revival of his ambitions abroad after a year of virtual dormancy on foreign affairs. The timing also points to a willingness on his part to quickly reengage a politically volatile foreign-

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policy issue just months after winning his second term.

But the visit will highlight how much the region has changed since he last visited the Middle East in his first year in office, with the rise of Islamist governments and the widening repercussions of civil revolt.

After Obama helped topple Moammar Gaddafi in Libya in 2011, many in the region wondered when he would emerge again to help shape the course of the tumultuous Arab Spring, which has replaced a pair of U.S.-allied dictatorships with elected Islamist governments.

Within the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, much has changed since the direct peace talks Obama inaugurated in September 2010 collapsed within weeks. Israel's recent battle with the armed Hamas movement in the Gaza Strip left many predicting a wider fight in the future, as divisions deepened within the Palestinian and Israeli electorates over whether talks or war would resolve the conflict.

"To make it a substantive trip that is more than a positive photo-op would require setting up a specific framework for an agreement and setting a tight deadline to achieve it," said Jeremy Ben-Ami, the executive director of J Street, a nonprofit group that advocates the creation of a Palestinian state alongside Israel.

White House officials would not provide a date for Obama’s trip, which he will squeeze into the tight schedule he is building around a busy domestic agenda that includes immigration, guns and the economy.

But Israeli media reported that Obama is scheduled to arrive March 20 as part of a trip that will include a stop in Jordan, where the civil war in next-door Syria and its growing refugee crisis is presenting a major challenge to King Abdullah II, a U.S. ally .

Obama began his first term by making a strong push for peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians, believing the conflict fueled radicalism in the region in general and toward the United States in particular, given its historical support for the Jewish state.

In contrast to predecessor George W. Bush, Obama wanted to demonstrate to Arab governments that the United States would make demands of Israel in pursuit of a regional peace agreement.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made little secret of his preference for Republican Mitt Romney in last year’s U.S. presidential campaign. Netanyahu and Obama have at times disagreed bitterly over issues relating to the Palestinians, including Israel's continued settlement construction in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Israel's military occupied those territories, along with Gaza, in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. Palestinians view them as the key territorial elements of their future state.

In a June 2009 address in Cairo, a speech that asked for a "new beginning" with the Islamic world, Obama said: "The United States does not accept the legitimacy of continued Israeli settlements." He also did not stop in Israel on that trip, instead visiting Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Germany, where he emphasized the horror of the Holocaust and the moral imperative of defending Israel. Romney, among others, made the omission a campaign issue.

But on regional security issues, Obama and Netanyahu have deepened cooperation amid rising U.S. military aid to Israel. Obama has agreed with Netanyahu that Iran must not be allowed to use its uranium-enrichment program to develop a nuclear weapon, an issue that the two will discuss during Obama's visit.

Netanyahu's Likud party emerged from elections last month as the largest bloc in Israel's parliament, meaning that he will serve another term as prime minister. But a surprisingly strong showing by a new centrist party is likely to put more pressure on him to pursue talks.

“It was a mistake for Obama not to go in the first term at a time when it could have affected Israeli public opinion of him, and now, it has hardened against him to a point that I don’t believe it can,” said Elliott Abrams, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations who served as a senior Middle East adviser to Bush.

Obama’s visit will coincide with growing concern in the region that the two-state solution favored by him is in peril, as Israeli settlement construction continues and as the Islamist Hamas gains clout within the once-secular Palestinian nationalist movement. Hamas emerged stronger politically from the recent clash with Israel and continues to reject the Jewish state’s right to exist.

Hamas and its secular rival Fatah are due to meet Saturday as part of a reconciliation process. If an agreement is reached and Hamas joins the Palestinian Authority, Obama will be faced with an awkward decision on whether to meet with a government that includes members of a U.S.-designated terrorist movement.

As he begins again in the region, Obama will be advised by new Secretary of State John F. Kerry. He has also named former senator Chuck Hagel as defense secretary, a nomination still in question after an unsteady performance by the candidate before the Senate Armed Services Committee last week that focused in part on his past criticism of Israel.

“This trip is a signal that the president has an interest, not just in the peace issue, but also in the broader concerns that Israel is facing,” said Dennis Ross, a senior Middle East adviser to Obama during his first term who is at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. “In some ways, it will be the president traveling to Israel to ask for a new beginning.”

Article 2.

Foreign Policy

Saeb Erekat - The Peace Processor

An interview by Aaron David Miller

February 5, 2013 -- Other than Mahmoud Abbas, Saeb Erekat could be the most recognizable Palestinian on the planet. The chief Palestinian negotiator is certainly among the most passionate in promoting the cause. And nobody on the

Palestinian side knows the substance of the issues or the negotiating history better.

I first met Erekat in the late 1980s, while working on the Palestinian issue for then Secretary of State George Shultz. Back then, the U.S.-educated diplomat was already showing the brashness and outspokenness that would make him one of the most memorable -- if exasperating -- of the Palestinians with whom we dealt.

He annoyed then Secretary of State James Baker by wearing his kaffiyeh around his shoulders at the opening of the Madrid Peace Conference in October 1991. And over the years, he continued to annoy the Israelis too with his fiery performances on CNN -- though to this day, key Israeli negotiators, such as Isaac Molho, continue to praise his pragmatism at the bargaining table.

It was Erekat's academic bent, analytical chops, and capacity to write in English that would make him so indispensable to the only Palestinian who really counted in those days -- Yasir Arafat. Erekat was a unique figure -- neither a fighter (no nom de guerre for him), nor a PLO insider, nor an organization man from Tunis. Rather, he was a West Banker from Jericho, and he succeeded in maintaining his relevance in a Palestinian political scene dominated not by fellow academics, but by hard men defined by struggle and intrigue. During the heady days of the peace process, he became a key point of contact for the Americans, the Israelis, the Arabs, and much of the rest of the international community.

I came to know Erekat not only as a negotiator, but as a person. He sent his kids to Seeds of Peace, a conflict resolution and coexistence organization that I ran briefly after leaving the State Department, and my daughter befriended his and stayed with the Erekats in Jericho. Saeb and I have yelled at each other, defended our respective positions, laughed, and mourned opportunities that were never adequately explored. But through it all, what he said about himself was true: He wasn't as pro-Palestinian or pro-Israeli as much as he was pro-peace.

That peace has proven elusive to this day. But with all our differences -- and there are many -- I believe Erekat believes in its possibility. Who else would list as an "objective" on his resume: "Solve the Palestinian-Israeli conflict based on a two state negotiated solution through diplomatic offices"?

If, or perhaps when, another effort to negotiate a deal is made, one thing is clear -- Erekat will be in the middle of it. Last week, he agreed to answer my questions on the past and future of the Israeli-Palestinian problem.

FP: What were your best and worst moments in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, and what was the greatest missed opportunity?

Saeb Erekat: Though I was not the chief negotiator at that moment, the connection between [then Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin and President Arafat made everyone around them, including myself, feel that peace was possible. There was significant progress in all tracks until Rabin's assassination by an Israeli terrorist -- after he was killed, no Israeli leader had the vision to understand that the window of opportunity for a two-state solution would close as fast as they continued their colonization policies.

The missed opportunity has definitely been Israel throwing away the Arab Peace Initiative, which offers normalization of relations of 57 countries with Israel in exchange for Israeli withdrawal to the 1967 border. They threw it away by bombing Gaza, by intensifying collective punishments, and by increasing settlement construction all over the occupied West Bank, particularly in and around Occupied East Jerusalem.

FP: 2013 is the 20th anniversary of the Oslo negotiations. What was Oslo's greatest success, and its greatest failure?

SE: The fact that, two decades after Oslo, we are still a nation under occupation shows that Israeli governments did derail it. The interim accords were not supposed to last for 20 years but only five. After that, we were going to enjoy freedom and sovereignty.

But Israel increased its settlement expansion. In fact, within 20 years, the number of settlers almost tripled. The institution-building efforts led by the Palestinian government have been completely undermined by the lack of freedom. This situation cannot continue. Oslo succeeded in bringing back 250,000 Palestinians from the diaspora and building the capacity for our state. The international community failed though, by granting Israel an unprecedented culture of impunity that allowed them to use negotiations as a means to continue rather than stop colonization.

FP: What is the most important thing Israelis don't understand about Palestinians?

SE: That we are not going anywhere. As simple as that. We are not going to disappear just because their government builds an annexation wall around us.

They should close their eyes and imagine their state within 10 years time. What do they see? If they continue their policies, they are going to officially adopt the form of an apartheid regime, which I think is not what many Israelis want.

FP: What is the most important thing Palestinians have learned about Israelis?

SE: That Israelis will not take back the ships that brought them here to leave somewhere else. We got to understand that we have to live side by side. The rules of engagement, though, cannot be those of apartheid, but those of freedom.

FP: What do you expect from the next Israeli government on the peace process?

SE: I don't think there is room for optimism, but our position hasn't changed. We don't see any other solution than a two-state solution. Any Israeli government that recognizes this fact and respects what previous governments have agreed upon should become a partner for peace.

FP: Is Hamas-Fatah unity possible, and what would the impact be on the future of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations?

SE: We expect to have progress in the near future, with Hamas allowing the Central Elections Commission to register new voters in Gaza. I believe there is political agreement -- in fact, there is a signed agreement. We expect to have elections as soon as possible, which is the right way to solve our differences: Let our people decide, those in Palestine as well as our people in the Diaspora.

Having said so, Hamas has recognized the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, including its mandate to negotiate a final status agreement with Israel. Once that is achieved, we expect to hold a national referendum.

FP: How would you describe Egypt's role in the peace process now? What do you expect from President Barack Obama's administration with regards to the peace process?

SE: Egypt has played a central role, and continues to do so. We trust that Egypt, under President Mohamed Morsy's leadership, will continue to play a strong role because Palestine and Egypt have a common interest in achieving peace.

President Obama had stated that he has a personal commitment to bring peace to the Middle East. We, the Egyptians, and the rest of the Arab world tell him that we are ready for peace. We have the Arab Peace Initiative. This goes in line with the stated U.S. national interest. Washington's failure to explicitly say that Israel is to blame for choosing settlements over peace has contributed to Israel's culture of impunity.

FP: Can America be an effective broker in negotiations?

SE: If the U.S. decides to be an honest broker, it could not only be effective but in fact could bring real peace to the region, a just and lasting one. The U.S. has a moral obligation toward the Palestinian people, who have been under occupation and living in exile for decades.

FP: Is a two state solution still possible?

SE: Yes, but only if there is a political will. So far, Israel's will is about colonization, and the international community has failed to put an end to decades of double standards by treating Israel as a state above the law. We don't see any other solution than a two-state solution, though Israel is taking us to a one-state reality.

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Article 3.

The Daily Beast

The Mixed Legacy Of Shimon Peres

Daniel Gavron

Feb 4, 2013 -- Now that he has finished his consultations with the country's political parties and charged Benjamin Netanyahu with forming a new coalition, Israel’s respected President, Shimon Peres, is once again very much in the news. In his speech inviting Netanyahu to form the next government, the President spoke forcefully about peace and even seemed to influence Bibi to mention peace, a word he never used in his election campaign. Peres has rightly earned respect for this from many quarters, but now, as the coalition is being formed, it might be a good time to examine one aspect of Israel’s political culture: the lack of respect for the task of a parliamentary opposition. Peres is at least partly to blame for this, as he almost always preferred to join various administrations—even as a junior partner—rather than lead the opposition, ofen citing “our grave situation” and “national responsibility.” Now is surely a better time to criticize Peres than in June, when the world (maybe even including President Barack Obama) will be coming here to celebrate his 90th birthday. Then, surely, everyone will be paying deserved tribute to the wisdom of this elder statesman and prophet of peace, and it would be a shame to spoil the party. So let's clear the air right now, well before the festivities. Before we get to the matter of coalition politics, which is very much on our minds right now as Netanyahu struggles to put together a government, let us consider the other negative part of the Peres legacy: his stint as Defense Minister under Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin from 1974 to 1977. Today Peres is widely respected as the architect of the Oslo Accord of 1993, achieved while he was Foreign Minister. It was the first political move toward a settlement between Israel and the Palestinians, and Peres deserves huge credit for securing the agreement. However, two decades earlier, as Defense Minister, he supported the Jewish settlement project in the newly-conquered Palestinian territories, both overtly and covertly. Not for nothing did Rabin label Peres in his memoirs as "an indefatigable intriguer." In 1975, while Rabin was doing his utmost to prevent the settlement of Elon Moreh, near Nablus, Peres continuously sabotaged his efforts. After no less than eight settlement attempts, which were ruled illegal by Israel's Supreme Court, a "compromise" was reached, and Elon Moreh was established five kilometers to the east of the original site. Moreover, during the furor over Elon Moreh, Defense Minister Peres quietly facilitated the creation of Ofra, near Ramallah.

These two settlements, which have become flagships of the settlement movement, were the start of Jewish colonization in Samaria, the northern part of the West Bank. The previous year, as a young reporter, I interviewed Peres, after he and his political ally Moshe Dayan had refused "on principle" to join the government of Golda Meir. "If a single child can learn that politics is not just intrigues," Peres told me, "I will be satisfied that we have done our bit." Just one week later, when he and Dayan had reversed their position for no discernable reason, and were seated snugly around the cabinet table, I asked Peres what he had to say to the "single child." His aides sniggered, but Peres didn't bat an eyelid: "Just what my mentor, David Ben-Gurion (Israel's first Prime Minister) told me: when the security of Israel is laid on one side of the scales, and everything else on the other side, security tips the balance." Peres subsequently used that self-same argument to join every government that would have him. The late Menachem Begin lost nine elections before finally becoming Israel's Prime Minister in 1977. He served as a pugnacious and dedicated leader of the opposition. Peres almost never headed the opposition, always preferring a ministerial appointment, once even designing a grotesque system of “rotation” with Yitzhak Shamir, so that he could be in the government. He proposed the ideal of “national unity,” and greatly devalued the democratic concept of parliamentary opposition. Former Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni ruined her reputation when she refused to join Netanyahu in his last government. While it is quite true that Livni was an ineffective opposition leader, it is the very fact of her refusal to join the administration and “influence it from within” that has provoked most of the criticism by Israeli political commentators. Similar criticism is currently being leveled at Labor Party leader Shelly Yachimovich for stating clearly that she would not join Netanyahu’s next government, but would serve as leader of the opposition. There are certainly many reasons to criticize Yachimovich, but not her eminently democratic decision to lead the parliamentary opposition. Very few of our political commentators have ever expressed respect or even understanding for the concept of opposition. The most popular political idea in Israel today is national unity—better still, a National Unity Government: “We should all rally round the flag and support our government in these critical times.” This position, widely espoused, echoes what Peres has said repeatedly over the years.

So, although the Peres vision of peace is a positive legacy, he has also taught us less helpful lessons. The settlements are a supremely negative inheritance, but I would argue that the anti-democratic rejection of the concept of a parliamentary opposition is an even more harmful bequest handed down to us by President Shimon Peres.

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Article 4.

NYT

India vs. China vs. Egypt

Thomas L. Friedman

February 5, 2013 -- New Delhi -- It’s hard to escape a visit to India without someone asking you to compare it to China. This visit was no exception, but I think it’s more revealing to widen the aperture and compare India, China and Egypt. India has a weak central government but a really strong civil society, bubbling with elections and associations at every level. China has a muscular central government but a weak civil society, yet one that is clearly straining to express itself more. Egypt, alas, has a weak government and a very weak civil society, one that was suppressed for 50 years, denied real elections and, therefore, is easy prey to have its revolution diverted by the one group that could organize, the Muslim Brotherhood, in the one free space, the mosque. But there is one thing all three have in common: gigantic youth bulges under the age of 30, increasingly connected by technology but very unevenly educated.

My view: Of these three, the one that will thrive the most in the 21st century will be the one that is most successful at converting its youth bulge into a "demographic dividend" that keeps paying off every decade, as opposed to a "demographic bomb" that keeps going off every decade. That will be the society that provides more of its youth with the education, jobs and voice they seek to realize their full potential.

This race is about "who can enable and inspire more of its youth to help build broad societal prosperity," argues Dov Seidman, the author of "How" and C.E.O. of LRN, which has an operating center in India. "And that's all about leaders, parents and teachers creating environments where young people can be on a quest, not just for a job, but for a career — for a better life that doesn't just surpass but far surpasses their parents." Countries that fail to do that will have a youth bulge that is not only unemployed, but unemployable, he argued. "They will be disconnected in a connected world, despairing as they watch others build and realize their potential and curiosity."

If your country has either a strong government or a strong civil society, it has the ability to rise to this challenge. If it has neither, it will have real problems, which is why Egypt is struggling. China leads in providing its youth bulge with education, infrastructure and jobs, but lags in unleashing freedom and curiosity. India is the most intriguing case — if it can get its governance and corruption under control. The quest for upward mobility here, especially among women and girls, is palpable. I took part in the graduation ceremony for The Energy and Resources Institute last week. Of 12 awards for the top students, 11 went to women.

"India today has 560 million young people under the age of 25 and 225 million between the ages of 10 and 19," explained Shashi Tharoor, India's minister of state for human resource development. "So for the next 40 years we should have a youthful working-age population” at a time when China and the broad industrialized world is aging. According to Tharoor, the average age in China today is around 38, whereas in India it’s around 28. In 20 years, that gap will be much larger. So this could be a huge demographic dividend — “provided that we can educate our youth — offering vocational training to some and university to others to equip them to take advantage of what the 21st-century global economy offers,” said Tharoor. “If we get it right, India becomes the workhorse of the world. If we get it wrong, there is nothing worse than unemployable, frustrated” youth.

Indeed, some of India’s disaffected youth are turning to Maoism in rural areas. “We have Maoists among our tribal populations, who have not benefited from the opportunities of modern India,” Tharoor said. There have been violent Maoist incidents in 165 of India’s 625 districts in recent years, as Maoists tap into all those left out of the “Indian dream.” So there is now a huge push here to lure poor kids into school. India runs the world’s biggest midday lunch program, serving 250 million free school lunches each day. It’s also doubled its number of Indian Institutes of Technology, from eight to 16, and is planning 14 new universities for innovation and research.

But this will all be for naught without better governance, argues Gurcharan Das, the former C.E.O. of Procter & Gamble India, whose latest book is “India Grows at Night: A Liberal Case for a Strong State.” “The aspirational India has no one to vote for, because no one is talking the language of public goods. Why should it take us 15 years to get justice in the courts or 12 years to build a road? The gap between [youth] aspirations and government performance is huge. My thesis is that India has risen despite the state. It is a story of public failure and private success.”

That is what Das means by India grows at night, when government sleeps. “But India must learn to grow during the day,” he said. “If India fixes its governance before China fixes its politics that is who will win. ... You need a strong state and a strong society, so the society can hold the state accountable. India will only get a strong state when the best of society join the government, and China will only get a strong society when the best Mandarins go into the private sector.”

Article 5.

Foreign Policy

Don't be too sure there won't be another U.S. war in the Middle East

Richard L. Russell

February 5, 2013 -- Shortly before he left office in Feb. 2011, Defense Secretary Robert Gates told West Point cadets that "in my opinion, any future defense secretary who advised the president to again send a big American land army into Asia or into the Middle East or Africa should ‘have his head examined,' as General MacArthur so delicately put it." The remark no doubt reflected Sec. Gates's fatigue and frustration from the enormous intellectual and emotional burdens associated with overseeing the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

One suspects, however, that in a more reflective moment, Gates would have acknowledged that "never say never" is a wise rule of thumb in planning for military contingencies, especially in the region that makes up Central Command's area-of-responsibility. Few, for example, predicted the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Gates himself -- who was a senior CIA official during the covert war supporting the Afghan resistance -- surely did not anticipate then that the United

States would have to return to Afghanistan two decades later to oust a Taliban regime that was harboring terrorists. Before 1990, moreover, no one predicted that Iraq, having just ended a bitter eight-year war with Iran, would swing its battered forces south to invade Kuwait.

So if it's conventional wisdom that the United States will not, or should not, intervene militarily in the Middle East or South Asia after it draws down forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, it's also likely dead wrong. What is true, however, is that political and military trajectories in the Middle East and South Asia are likely to increasingly challenge U.S. contingency access in the coming decade. The ability for the United States to surge large-scale forces into the region, as it did in the 1990 and 2003 wars against Iraq, will grow increasingly circumscribed. The United States will have to adapt to this new strategic landscape by developing more nimble, highly-mobile, stealthy, and networked forces, and by abandoning the traditional practice of slowly and steadily building up conventional forces at regional logistic hubs prior to launching war.

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Perhaps the most significant factor that portends against further intervention in the Middle East and South Asia is increased political resistance -- and outright opposition -- from the countries in the region. That resistance is likely to come from the new regimes emerging from the Arab uprisings, as well as a number of Gulf monarchies.

Indeed, the political trends in the region are unlikely to conform to the rosy predictions of democratic peace theorists, whose musings have implicitly informed the security policies of both Republican and Democratic administrations for decades. Old authoritarian regimes seem to be passing the way of the dodo bird, but the new regimes taking shape are heavily influenced by militant Islamic ideology that will make them less likely to engage in security or military cooperation with the United States.

Democracy optimists argue that these ideological regimes, once entrenched in power, will have to moderate their zeal in order to govern. Pragmatism will ultimately trump ideology. That line of reasoning, however, is based on the assumption that the policy decisions of such regimes can be explained by rational choice economic theory. In other words, if they want to attract international capital and participate in the world economy, they are going to have to break with their ideological affinities. But that reasoning ignores a hard fact of international politics: that time and again, political and ideological prerogatives trump economic rationality. It made little economic sense, for example, for Pakistan to pursue a nuclear weapons program in the 1970s, just as it makes little economic sense for Iran to do so today. Clearly, both Pakistan and Iran made major policy decisions based on political-military priorities rather than economic calculations.

As for the surviving monarchies in the Middle East, they too will likely be less accommodating to American military forces than they have been in the past. To be sure, much of the Arab support for past American military operations -- like both Iraq wars -- was hidden from the public eye. Arab states often loudly and publicly denounced "unilateral American" military action in the region at the same time as they supported it in backroom dealings, quietly authorizing facilities support and air, land, and sea access.

But if Arab Gulf states were quietly supportive in the past, their opposition to American military force is likely to grow in the future. They read the aftermath of the Arab uprisings much differently than did American and European policymakers. The Gulf monarchies were shocked that the United States "abandoned" Egyptian President Hosni

Mubarak in his time of need in early 2011. Their leaders expected the United States to push for Mubarak and the Egyptian military to crack down on public protests in Cairo. After all, American policymakers during the Carter administration had at least given this policy option consideration during the Iranian revolution in 1979.

Already, several Gulf states have begun to translate their displeasure into policy independence from Washington. In 2011, for example, a coalition of Gulf states led by Saudi Arabia intervened in Bahrain to quell domestic unrest in the island country. They did so under the banner of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which for years had been a feckless military force. Largely unnoticed in Western commentary was that the GCC, for the first time in its history, mounted a relatively effective military intervention.

Bahrain today is for all intents and purposes a province of Saudi Arabia, even if it is not polite to say so in diplomatic circles. Since the Iranian revolution, Bahrain -- like the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Oman, and Qatar -- has pursued close ties with the United States, in significant measure to counterbalance Iran and Saudi Arabia. With Washington at their back, they were able to stake out security policies that were at least nominally independent from

Saudi Arabia. When Saudi Arabia wanted American forces removed from the kingdom, for example, Qatar was eager to compensate by hosting a more robust American command presence in the region.

The Arab uprisings and subsequent GCC intervention in Bahrain have turned the tables, making Saudi security backing a necessity for the smaller Gulf monarchies. From their perspective, American forces are clearly more capable than Saudi forces, but given the alignment of their interests, Riyadh is a more reliable security partner. Gulf leaders and military commanders in the coming decade will be focused on how to avoid following in Mubarak's footsteps. Part of minimizing that risk will involve decreasing security dependency on the United States. Gulf leaders have to worry that if push comes to shove, the Americans will throw them under a bus just like they did to Mubarak.

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If the political dynamics in the Middle East and South Asia do not favor further American military intervention in the future, neither do the emerging military trends. The proliferation of supersonic cruise missiles and mines in the region will make for nasty forced entries into narrow maritime confines like the Suez Canal, the Red Sea, and the Persian Gulf.

But the likely proliferation of nuclear weapons -- and ballistic missile delivery systems -- will pose even more formidable challenges to conventional military surges in the region. In the future, the United States will not be able to take for granted unchallenged surges of naval, air, and ground forces into regional theaters via logistics hubs. These hubs -- like the American naval presence in Bahrain -- are large, readily identifiable, and will be increasingly vulnerable to future targeting by nuclear weaponry.

Iran's nuclear weapons, assuming it gets them, will pose a direct threat to American military surge capabilities. Although American policymakers and military commanders might feel confident that they could surge forces into the Gulf despite Iranian nuclear threats because of the American nuclear deterrent, Gulf security partners might be more nervous and less willing to cooperate. As a result, they might not grant access to U.S. air, naval, and ground forces out of fear of angering Iran.

American observers who doubt that Gulf states would make such calculations should recall how Kuwait responded in the lead-up to Iraq's invasion in 1990. When faced with a build-up of Iraqi forces along its border, Kuwait decided not to mobilize its military out of fear that the move would provoke Saddam Hussein. The incentives for Gulf states to make similar strategic calculations in the future will be greater when Iran has an inventory of nuclear weapons to match its growing ballistic missile capabilities.

The Gulf states, moreover, will likely reason that the U.S. capability to threaten or use force against a nuclear Iran will be significantly diminished. Even without nuclear weapons, Gulf states have seen, in their view, a long history of American reluctance to threaten or use force against Iran. For example, the United States took no direct military action against Iran after it aided and abetted Hezbollah bombings against Americans in Lebanon in the 1980s, after Iran supported the bombing of Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia in 1996, or even after Iran supported the deadly campaign of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) against U.S. troops in Iraq. Gulf states will no doubt judge that if the United States was unable and unwilling to attack Tehran under these circumstances, then it is certainly not going to attack Iran in the future, when it will be able to retaliate with nuclear weapons.

American policymakers may counter that Iran would never be foolish enough to threaten or use nuclear weapons against the United States, given its robust nuclear deterrence posture. But the threat or use of nuclear weapons might not look so foolish from Iran's perspective. One of the great strategic lessons drawn from the long history of conflict in the Middle East is this: Do not go to war without nuclear weapons, as Saddam Hussein did when he invaded Kuwait. The corollary is: Do not allow the United States to methodically build-up forces in the Gulf prior to invading, as Saddam did both in the run-up to the 1991 re-conquest of Kuwait and in 2003, before the drive to topple the regime in Baghdad.

Drawing upon these lessons, Iran will likely do everything in its power to deny the United States the ability to surge conventional forces into the region -- and that might include threatening to target U.S. forces with nuclear weapons. Iran might accept the risk that preemptive use of nuclear weapons could bring on American nuclear retaliation, because failure to do so would mean certain destruction for the regime. The United States would be able to build-up conventional forces in the region and oust Iran's leaders just as it did in Baghdad.

This line of strategic reasoning runs counter to conventional wisdom in the

West, but we actually know little or nothing about what Iranian decision-makers think about nuclear weapons or deterrence theory. Since the Iranian revolution in 1979, opportunities for the exchange of professional views between Western and Iranian scholars, policymakers, and military leaders on these critically important issues have been extremely limited. Therefore, it's not unreasonable to assume that the Iranians, like American policymakers in the early stages of developing their nuclear triad doctrine, will think of nuclear weapons as merely "big artillery." Unfortunately, the United States and its security partners lack formal and informal exchanges with the Iranians akin to the Cold War discussions and arms control negotiations between the Americans and Soviets, which allowed both parties to develop mutual understandings of the other's perception of nuclear weapons. These understandings were essential for crisis management in the Cold War strategic relationship after the Cuban missile crisis.

Meanwhile, the Gulf states, led by Saudi Arabia, are likely to look for their own nuclear deterrents. Much like France wanted its own nuclear force de frappe during the Cold War, the Gulf states will want their own nuclear weapons to deter Iran. Saudi Arabia and the smaller Gulf states will worry that the United States would be deterred from coming to their defense in future regional crises by Iran's nuclear weapons.

Saudi Arabia and other Arab states are likely to see nuclear weapons as a quick fix for all of their security woes. Although they have been on a shopping spree in the past decade, buying expensive and sophisticated Western military technology, they have had a tough time absorbing the new technology and fully utilizing and integrating weapons systems. To be sure, in a rough net assessment, Saudi Arabia and its allies in the Gulf have significantly greater conventional capabilities than Iran. But if Iran goes nuclear, they will want to follow suit.

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Americans may be weary of conflict in the Middle East and South Asia, but strategic prudence demands that we contemplate future military interventions in the Central Command theater. A scan of the horizon reveals that both political and military trends in the region pose formidable obstacles to conventional force surges into the region.

But there is another wrinkle in this story that U.S. policymakers must contend with as they plan for the future. As Gulf monarchies seek to reduce their dependence on American military power, they will increasingly look to China for security assurances. China does not have a political agenda devoted to promoting democratization, and it maintains political and diplomatic ties with both Arab states and Iran. China's military activity in the region is modest but increasing, as evidenced by its recent peacekeeping dispatches to the region and naval port visits in the Gulf. Beijing is likely to send more naval forces to the Gulf to increase its presence there and enhance its ability to protect the sea lanes which bring oil to China's thirsty economy. China is keenly aware that the United States has naval supremacy in the Gulf, but will be working to erode that strategic edge in the future.

Faced with these realities, there is a need for new thinking and innovative conceptualizations of surges into Centcom's area of responsibility. Theater campaign planners will have to think about contingencies in which the United States cannot slowly and methodically build up forces in the region and then kick off campaigns after most troops, arms, and equipment are in place. Future U.S. force build-ups in the region will be far too vulnerable to preemptive nuclear strikes. As a result, planners will have to devise campaign plans in which the insertion of U.S. military forces begins with an immediate rolling and flowing start. The United States will have to work from smaller troop footprints and be prepared to start fighting even as follow-on-forces are on the way. Ideally, these forces would flow from multiple staging positions to reduce vulnerability to nuclear attack. The politics of the region, however, will work against securing a multitude of staging areas from which to deploy.

The region under the purview of Centcom has always been riddled with political violence that has posed formidable challenges to military operations. But in plotting a course over the horizon, the political and military obstacles for American military surges into the region are poised to grow even larger. As a result, theater contingency planners will have fewer good options for projecting American military power into the region -- and they'll have to do more with the bad and the ugly.

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Article 6.

The Diplomat

Getting to the Endgame With Iran

Robert Dreyfuss

February 6, 2013 -- Why did it take so long to secure a date for talks between Iran and the P5+1?

After all, in the weeks before the presidential election in November, it was reported that the United States and Iran had already tactically agreed to convene private, one-on-one talks. And since then the United States, the European powers, Russia, and China, all sought to arrange another round of negotiations, first in December and then in January. It now appears that Iran, which is about to enter its presidential election season, has finally agreed to what will be the first round of negotiations with the P5+1 since the last round in Moscow seven months ago. On Tuesday, Tehran announced that it will join talks on February 26 in Kazakhstan.

The negotiations will be a serious test for the Obama administration and for John Kerry, the new secretary of state. Previous rounds have all faltered because neither side was willing to make concessions to the other, and so far there is little sign that the United States and the P5+1 have improved their offer to Iran very much. As the talks were announced, the Washington Post reported: “The P5+1 powers have made only mild revisions to a proposal that Iran flatly rejected last June.” Until now, the United States has been unwilling to acknowledge Iran’s right to enrich uranium on its own soil and to suggest that some economic sanctions might be lifted as part of a deal, and Iran has refused to agree even to a limited deal called “stop, ship, and shut” – involving the suspension of its enrichment to 20 percent purity, shipping its existing stockpiles of 20% uranium to a third country for processing, and shutting down its underground facility at Fordo, near Qom – without an agreement to lift sanctions.

After the reelection of Barack Obama in November, there were great hopes that the president would have greater political freedom of offer concessions to Iran. Yet, publicly at least, the White House isn’t signaling that it is ready to make a more generous offer to Iran, and in fact Obama in January signed into law yet another round of draconian economic sanctions.

Perhaps as a result, Iran allegedly dragged its feet on setting a date for talks. Despite prodding from the P5+1 – including urgent efforts by Russia — in

January Iran reportedly went silent about talks. Russia, increasingly frustrated by the inability of Tehran and the West to negotiate seriously, vented its frustration. “Some of our partners in the six powers and the Iranian side cannot come to an agreement about where to meet," Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told a news conference. "We are ready to meet at any location as soon as possible. We believe the essence of our talks is far more important (than the site), and we hope that common sense will prevail and we will stop behaving like little children.”

According to analysts in Washington, reinforced by comments from Iran itself, a big reason for Tehran’s recalcitrance is that Iran wants to prove to the United States that its vaunted sanctions regime will not force Iran to make unilateral concessions at the bargaining table. In addition, Iran is concerned that it won’t get much in return in talks with the West, and that it will be asked to make unilateral concessions on uranium enrichment without getting sanctions relief in return. Combined with Iranian internal divisions, as its own presidential election season gets underway, that could mean that for the next six months or so Ayatollah Ali Khamenei simply won’t be ready to talk seriously, despite scheduling the Kazakhstan round.

Others suspect that Iran is waiting to see how President Obama's new national security team – with Kerry as secretary of state, Chuck Hagel as secretary of defense, and John Brennan at the Central Intelligence Agency – will shape Obama's stance at any talks.

In Washington, some would argue there's a growing consensus, at the level of think tanks, Iran experts, and other analysts, that a preliminary, first-round deal, including "shop, ship, and shut," might work, if in response the P5+1 could lift some of the economic sanctions on Iran and agree to limited Iranian enrichment.

Perhaps the best-case scenario is the possibility that there are ongoing, secret and back-channel talks between Washington and Tehran. Nothing along those lines has leaked and there is no indication of this, yet. But in advance of the first round of Iran-P5+1 talks in Vienna in 2009, the United States and Iran did indeed engage in quiet, behind-the-scenes diplomacy.

In fact, of course, any sanctions relief for Iran will occur slowly and step-by-step, not all at once, in parallel with steps taken by Iran and openness to more intrusive inspections and oversight by the IAEA.

But it's certainly not helpful that in early January yet another round of unilateral sanctions was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. The complex set of new measures targets key industrial sectors, including shipping and imports of products such as aluminum, steel and coal, and seeks to block Iran from using barter commodities such as oil and gold to pay for imports. The Washington Post paraphrased U.S. officials as saying that, “the new policies are closer to a true trade embargo, designed to systematically attack and undercut Iran’s major financial pillars and threaten the country with economic collapse.” Obama signed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that contained the sanctions provisions despite having hinted earlier that he might veto the NDAA over a host of measures contained in the bill.

If the Obama administration believes that ever-tougher sanctions will cause Iran to cave in at the talks, it’s likely that they are badly misreading Iranian politics.

For many observers, however, and for Iran, too, the nomination of Hagel for secretary of defense may be a sign that the White House is beginning to realize that sanctions, and threats of military action, won’t force Iran’s hand.

As has been widely reported, hawks, neoconservatives, and members of the pro-Israel lobby in Washington have slammed Hagel for his past comments and positions on Iran. In conjunction with Israel-friendly members of Congress, they've warned Obama to rein Hagel in so as not to send a dovish signal to Tehran. Robert Satloff, executive direction of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy (WINEP), a pro-Israel think tank, warned bluntly that the White House should act quickly to make sure that Hagel backs away from his previous views on Iran and at least toes the administration's tougher line. "If the White House does not take steps soon to correct that impression, the chances for a negotiated resolution of the Iran nuclear crisis will fall nearly to zero and the likelihood of Israeli military action will rise dramatically," he wrote.

Indeed, within days of his nomination as secretary of defense, Hagel was already backing away from his earlier views, meeting with senior Pentagon officials and influential senators who'll vote on his confirmation to clarify his views on Iran, asserting that he supports broad international sanctions against Iran and that he believes that the military option ought to be "on the table." Several Democratic senators who met with Hagel announced with satisfaction that the former senator from Nebraska had sufficiently backtracked or "clarified" his views on Iran. Consequently, they announced that he had earned their support – and their vote.

Then, during his confirmation hearings on January 31, Hagel – under hostile questioning from several Republican senators – backed away from earlier-held positions on Iran, including the role of sanctions. And, though he previously been a sharp critic of a military attack on Iran, in his opening statement Hagel said: "I am fully committed to the President's goal of preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon, and—as I've said in the past—all options must be on the table to achieve that goal. My policy is one of prevention, and not one of containment—and the President has made clear that is the policy of our government. As Secretary of Defense, I will make sure the Department is prepared for any contingency."

Satloff's views were echoed by another tough-talking official at WINEP, former Ambassador Dennis Ross, a pro-Israel hawk who served as Obama's top adviser on Iran during much of the president's first term. "I think 2013 is going to be decisive," Ross told the Los Angeles Times, expressing concern about Hagel's previous comments. "Time really is running out. For diplomacy to have a chance of success, the Iranians need to understand that if diplomacy fails, force is going to be the result. We still have a challenge to convince the Iranians that we're quite serious about the use of force," he said. "In the first term, the administration didn't always speak with one voice on this issue. So what Hagel says can make a difference."

Despite his poorly receieved performance at his confirmation hearings, it's widely believed in Washington that Hagel will be confirmed as secretary of defense and that his private advice to Obama will more closely hew to his long-held beliefs about the futility of sanctions and the grave downside to a military strike. Partly for that reason, it remains very unlikely that the Obama administration will resort to force to resolve the dispute with Iran. In fact, in remarks that Iranian officials cited as promising, Vice President Joe Biden expressed the administration's willingness to hold bilateral talks with the Iranians. In response to a question at the Munich Security Conference Biden said, "We have made it clear at the outset that…we would be prepared to meet bilaterally with the Iranian leadership" when Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is serious about negotiations. Iran's Foreign Minister, Ali Akbar Salehi responded favorably and said, "I am optimistic, I feel this new administration is really seeking this time to at least divert from its previous traditional approach vis-a-vis my country.”

But if Washington remains committed to ever-tougher sanctions – and without promising Iran that sanctions will be lifted as part of a deal – then negotiations are unlikely to succeed. Vali Nasr, another former Obama administration official with expertise on Iran, suggested recently that there's not much more the world can do to sanction Iran, and that such penalties could drive Tehran to take radical action. The regime of sanctions against Iran over its nuclear activity "really has reached its end," Nasr, dean of the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, said during the World Economic Forum in Davos. And he warned that unless there is a diplomatic breakthrough — or, alternatively, an attack on Iran — "you really are looking at a scenario where Iran is going to rush very quickly towards nuclear power, because they also think, like North Korea, that (then) you have much more leverage to get rid of these sanctions.”

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Article 7.

The Wall Street Journal

A New U.S. International Economic Strategy

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February 5, 2013 -- Five years into the global economic storm, America's traditional allies, theEuropean Union and Japan, are struggling. Developing economies are reshaping the global dynamic but also face big challenges. The United States is the one country that could lead the modernization of the international system so as to supply security, economic opportunity, and prospects for liberty. America's own strategy for economic revival cannot be limited to the nation's borders. And its future foreign policy—its projection of power and principle—must be grounded in the emerging economic order.

President Obama has said he admires Ronald Reagan's transformative thinking. If so, he should ask for an assessment of

Reagan's second-term innovations on currency and monetary affairs, trade, debt and development. Reagan advanced a new international system to match the revival of capitalism after the oil shocks and stagflation of the 1970s. America's success in the 1980s contributed both to the end of the Cold War, by persuading the Soviet Union it could not keep up, and to two decades of exceptional global growth.

The new U.S. international economic strategy should have five parts. First, this country should strengthen its continental base by building on the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico. Together, the three partners could boost energy security, improve productivity, and give North Americans an edge in manufacturing and other industries that are already experiencing rising wages in East Asia. A politically acceptable immigration policy, and a push for educational innovation using new technologies and competition, could lead to a more prosperous, populous, integrated and democratic future for the hemisphere.

Second, the extraordinary monetary policies of late, led by the Federal Reserve's continued near-zero interest-rate policy, are taking us into uncharted territory. Central banks have tried most every tool to stimulate growth; if Japan is any warning, the next tactic is competitive devaluation, which risks a new protectionism. "Currency manipulation" could become a danger that reaches far beyond the debate about Chinese policies. The world economy will need at some point to withdraw the drug of cheap money and negative real interest rates. The U.S. should anticipate these dangers.

The International Monetary Fund also could help set standards about exchange-rate policies and serve as a referee that blows a whistle, even if it cannot penalize. The IMF and the World Trade Organization should anticipate this risk and give effect to the existing WTO agreement that economies must "avoid manipulating exchange rates . . . to gain an unfair competitive advantage."

Third, the U.S. needs to break the logjam on opening markets. As the leading world economy, America should initially try to strengthen and increase international trade through the WTO. As my colleagues at the Peterson Institute have pointed out, there are gains from the stymied Doha Round of trade negotiations that should be harvested now: ending agricultural export subsidies; limiting food export controls; eliminating tariffs and quotas for almost all exports of the poorest countries; facilitating customs and clearance procedures; and improving the transparency and speed of the system for settling disputes.

Next, the U.S. needs to keep the WTO current with a vastly changed world economy. The past WTO agreements are valuable for all 158 WTO members. But some economies want to go further by reducing barriers in important sectors such as the services trade, environmental goods and services, government procurement, and the digital economy.

The services trade, for example, is vital for boosting innovation, productivity and jobs in developing and developed countries alike—but regulatory, licensing, zoning and other barriers to services are often equivalent to a 30% tariff or higher. Because liberalization in the WTO has been stuck, countries have turned increasingly to bilateral and multilateral free-trade agreements, some of which have addressed these newer topics. The U.S. should foster the WTO principle of world-wide liberalization by adopting standards in various industries and sectors that would be open to all economies that reciprocate. The WTO also needs new rules for fair trading by state-owned enterprises.

Yet the U.S. also should use free-trade agreements to open markets. Trade competition advances structural reforms and growth without bigger government and more spending. The Obama administration has talked about trans-Pacific and trans-Atlantic accords. Yet it has failed to close even one new free-trade agreement. Ron Kirk, the president's trade representative, said in 2009 that the administration did not have "deal fever." In fact, it has been "deal delinquent."

Fourth, gender equality is not only fair and right—it is smart economics. No economy can reach its potential if it overlooks the talents of half its people. The U.S. should lead in identifying structural barriers in countries that hold back girls' and women's health, education, credit, jobs and entrepreneurship.

Finally, the U.S. needs to match growth priorities of developing economies. President Obama should expand the global food-security initiative he announced in 2009 to boost agricultural productivity and production across the value chain, including through the private sector, in sub-Saharan Africa and other poor regions. Infrastructure investment could increase global demand today while building productivity for tomorrow.

The U.S. can lead a push with middle-income economies to develop public-private infrastructure models that move from "one-offs" to a deal flow. The zero returns for savers from U.S. monetary policy can make infrastructure investments attractive.

In addition to offering financing, the private sector can improve the design, operation and maintenance of infrastructure. As the state of Indiana has shown, the federal government could profitably use public-private partnerships for its infrastructure, too.

The administration has talked about some of these topics. But it is oddly passive, as if it were hesitant to lead. State Department speeches are not enough. To carve out an international economic strategy, the new secretary of the Treasury needs to choreograph policies across all U.S. departments and with multilateral economic institutions. The U.S. had better wake up: International economic strategy is the new foreign policy.

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Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
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GUID: BA52AB7C-85A9-495C-A7D5-28C6083AC964
Message: so many guys caught in the me too . reaching out to me. asking when does the madness stop. funny

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 04:25:01 AM (565705501)
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Message: uk you should kick boris johnson in the butt , he can do it

Sender[redacted]
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Flags: 1060865
Is Read: Yes
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 806C80E0-4F08-421A-B621-CAFB4C75FB06
Message: Madness just starting because now it has political power

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 04:36:26 AM (565706186)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 03D9626E-4C60-47F3-AC32-8B7796328275
Message: yup

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 04:38:08 AM (565706288)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 4153A74D-0854-4629-A52A-DBFDFCB11198
Message: it is very biological. first a cell splits left-right. then divides further. gender etc. , breaks into

smaller groups forming multi cells. . ripe for a central nervous system. authority , direction strength winning

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 04:38:52 AM (565706332)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: DC1DA180-3F11-4731-A5D9-B84F58CADC4C
Message: it is culture exhibiting biological processes , it is simple.

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 04:40:53 AM (565706453)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: A65EF366-8A8E-4ED3-B3C7-737BE196E7A1
Message: in cells there is a message to kill oneself if not part of the group. it is called apothosis. a protection against cancer. I have asked to start a new game theory course at harvard called the gangster game. it describes. trump. putin assad xi, duerte erdogan. gambino

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 04:50:25 AM (565707025)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: BEE80441-11E0-4559-98B7-D38397215852
Message: if me too is political shouldn't you expect a counter party?

Sender: [redacted]
Time: 12/05/18 04:55:08 AM (565707308)
Flags: 1060865
Is Read: Yes
Is Invitation: No
GUID: C0710CB6-37A0-494D-A3C0-17D8FCAA6C76
Message: That's the populist nationalist party-- haven't u been taking notes

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 04:55:46 AM (565707346)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 6735EB8E-457C-4D36-B9CE-65FB81CB9F65
Message: I've missed the we've had enough slogan. and hat

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 04:55:55 AM (565707355)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 92B59042-E9DC-4473-9AC1-C3FFB0C63702

Message: imagine pink dick hats

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 04:57:36 AM (565707456)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 1719AB87-2BF6-4A75-B175-5CAE8807DB34
Message: a million man march on wash. all wearing the hat

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 04:58:47 AM (565707527)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 6E7F5EA9-3C97-473C-A51B-10A18AC9DCEC
Message: or a multi message lesbian deplorable march as, both groups can champion the idea of not doing dick!

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:31:56 AM (565709516)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: CFC0CCB2-47C0-4834-B940-8B711668B847
Message: hey,   kwok steve wynn.   careful

Sender: [redacted]
Time: 12/05/18 05:32:27 AM (565709547)
Flags: 1060865
Is Read: Yes
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 5F00BACA-86B1-4340-8FD2-68E6C3968921
Message: ???

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:33:27 AM (565709607)
Flags: 1150981
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 3228CE55-F2DD-4464-B6E4-54AC58306CEB
Message: [redacted]

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:39:26 AM (565709966)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: DABF8710-90AC-4D20-B8A8-D0FF52BD2949
Message: as a reminder chinatown. you would nt look very good with that bandage under your nose.   no rush but not for text

Sender: [redacted]
Time: 12/05/18 05:41:48 AM (565710108)
Flags: 1060865
Is Read: Yes
Is Invitation: No
GUID: EFF6E78D-7493-4A28-842E-142FFDB32970
Message: It's what I tell folks about kwok- last line in the film "geez boss , this is chinatown"

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:44:19 AM (565710259)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 25B1CE28-046B-4274-AA23-F0812EA4F168
Message: my very close friends as a favor , also would like you safe

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:45:51 AM (565710351)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 8549900B-24F5-4D71-BFF1-A2E196A85CA8
Message: if either one of us , in different investigations will need to testify publicly, it would be preferred to do it with two nostrils instead of one

Sender: [redacted]
Time: 12/05/18 05:47:19 AM (565710439)
Flags: 1060865
Is Read: Yes
Is Invitation: No
GUID: D13180E6-CBE4-413C-A73F-42F1696E4581
Message: You don't have to worry personally because I'm sending u somewhere beyond extradition

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:47:58 AM (565710478)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 8274CFFD-2B07-4D9C-88D9-F22FE41593E0
Message: faust

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:48:20 AM (565710500)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: F29B834C-1EE6-41F3-A69F-16323143B3F1
Message: as i didn’t think you meant paradise

Sender: [redacted]
Time: 12/05/18 05:48:49 AM (565710529)
Flags: 1060865
Is Read: Yes
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 82EC560D-E396-4AB0-941C-7116A56EA750
Message: Faust exactly

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:49:17 AM (565710557)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 92F98EAD-37D6-48A1-9D5F-05CE0C565DE7
Message: surprise surprise surprise gomer

Sender: [redacted]
Time: 12/05/18 05:49:28 AM (565710568)
Flags: 1060865
Is Read: Yes
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 67B0D4E2-7296-4A4E-9F97-AA826379B7DB
Message: How's our curing breast cancer coming

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:49:44 AM (565710584)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: C4AD2AB1-AD42-45C3-B69D-1F92819EC3FE
Message: im doing hands on research

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:50:27 AM (565710627)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: CFFB25B5-D749-4A04-B456-D4AB026CED27
Message: breast cancer easier to cure than the me too movment

Sender: [redacted]
Time: 12/05/18 05:50:28 AM (565710628)
Flags: 1060865
Is Read: Yes
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 81065F84-DDFF-417A-98DC-94CAD2B280A2
Message: You are a brilliant guy--- go all in and organize a real effort to leave a mark

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:50:52 AM (565710652)

Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 153F5422-E295-467B-8951-BD23D2E99390
Message: I started

Sender: [redacted]
Time: 12/05/18 05:51:16 AM (565710676)
Flags: 1060865
Is Read: Yes
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 8EF0153A-0A7F-45D2-BAD2-5E659AD8B579
Message: Not 'me too'-- Times Up-- not about the act of sex-- about power dynamics

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:51:17 AM (565710677)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: BF242E81-5F78-479D-9AC6-8FF46BE1873A
Message: dubin breast center mount sinai I m all over it

Sender:[redacted]
Time: 12/05/18 05:51:37 AM (565710697)
Flags: 1060865
Is Read: Yes
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 8F2F6F2D-A8B3-48D9-9D53-46F59BD04A2A
Message: Is that the best in the world ?

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:51:48 AM (565710708)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: A76D126E-3F7B-4121-BA01-3098B65002A6
Message: of course,

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:51:59 AM (565710719)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: B18DDE7F-7D6A-4CD3-AB71-7154A28B5006
Message: jews

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:52:32 AM (565710752)
Flags: 1150981
Is Read: No

Is Invitation: No
GUID: 8B86DCD5-E5D4-4E79-9294-7224150C804D
Message: just hired ssomoen this morning.   I follow directions well

Sender: [redacted]
Time: 12/05/18 05:52:32 AM (565710752)
Flags: 1060865
Is Read: Yes
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 3385F342-3A1C-4652-9BCC-8E1CE66CB608
Message: Love being a junior partner to chosen people of Yawweh

Sender: [redacted]
Time: 12/05/18 05:52:45 AM (565710765)
Flags: 1060865
Is Read: Yes
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 06C4CA60-E226-44A6-AE16-9A66C6E7A1F8
Message: Smart :: let's get rolling

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:53:13 AM (565710793)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 6D222FA8-E9A2-4773-9252-49876CF8DFE1
Message: yah weh.   like mish a gas.   got to get the spelling right

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:54:10 AM (565710850)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 49E87523-4186-48A9-A1CC-227E313755B1
Message: not sure beezelbub is considered a junior partner . more like outside counsel

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:55:38 AM (565710938)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 08E7ECE9-4322-4C2E-9ABB-CD49E69581CD
Message: re kwok , honybear ok. icarus not

Sender: [redacted]
Time: 12/05/18 05:58:17 AM (565711097)
Flags: 1060865
Is Read: Yes
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 4C459D1D-FF22-47B6-AEB5-40081EEC9FDE

Message: I was referring to ALL Christians!

Sender: [redacted]
Time: 12/05/18 05:58:45 AM (565711125)
Flags: 1060865
Is Read: Yes
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 08C43ED0-EC54-4487-9429-B2997F349C31
Message: Will explain kwok later-- like trump an instrument

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:59:01 AM (565711141)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 02E64D7E-7D06-4614-B949-C7DFA9E6EA04
Message: I am very well informed there. , didn’t know it was him

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 05:59:26 AM (565711166)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: 8EDB7230-6C32-43F5-B6BC-1A9627095B5F
Message: as they use his chinese name

Sender: e:jeeitunes@gmail.com
Time: 12/05/18 06:00:09 AM (565711209)
Flags: 1085445
Is Read: No
Is Invitation: No
GUID: FB8AAAD7-92CC-4EDD-81DB-B13037850FDB
Message: no pun intended but yellow flag

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She says, "What's the extra twenty?"

He says, "That's for blowing the sand off my balls."

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The second drunk pulls out his cigarette lighter, looks at it, and says, "I-it's April 9th."

The first drunk says, "W-we should've got off at the last stop."

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Mrs. Hartke comes home after visiting her relatives for two weeks and finds that her husband, who was too lazy to go to the supermarket, has eaten all the dog food in the house.

She calls the doctor and says, "Doc, you have to do something. My husband ate a half a case of dog food."

The doctor says, "Relax, Mrs. Hartke, it can't hurt him. There's nothing to worry about."

The next day, the doctor answers his phone, and it's Mrs. Hartke.

She says, "*Nothing to worry about,* huh, doc? Well, I hope you're satisfied. My husband's *dead.*"

The doctor says, "*Dead?* From eating *dog food?* I can't understand it. What happened?"

She says, "He was lying in the driveway licking his balls and I backed the car over him."

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A WalMart greeter's standing near the entrance with her clipboard when a really, really ugly woman comes in with two kids.

The greeter says, "Are they twins, ma'am?"

She says, "Of *course* not, they're *five years apart*. Why in the world would you think they was *twins?*"

The greeter says, "I couldn't believe anybody fucked you twice."

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What do you do when a midget's missing?
Put his face on a carton of Half & Half.

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What's a gay guy's favorite time of day?
Ate a cock.

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Why'd the Siamese Twins move to England?
So the other guy'd get a chance to drive.

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Friedman calls the doctor and says, "Doc, you gotta help me. A mouse ran up inside my wife."

The doctor says, "I'll be right there. In the meantime, wave a piece of cheese between her legs."

The doctor races over, and when he comes in the door, Friedman's waving a herring between his wife's legs.

The doctor says, "What're you *doing?* I said to use a piece of cheese."

Friedman says, "I know you did. But we have to get the cat out first."

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Why'd the guy marry a Siamese twin?
So he could hang his wife and a girl on the side.

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A pickle walks into a bar.

The bartender says, "What're you doing in here?"

The pickle says, "Well, for starters, I'm celebrating the fact that I can walk."

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Why's "bra" singular and "panties" plural?
For the same reason that when you take a shit you actually leave one.

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A dentist walks in with a needle to give Kasten a shot of Novocain.

Kasten says, "No way! *No needles!* I *hate* needles!"

The dentist starts hooking up the nitrous oxide and Kasten says, "No! *No!* I can't do the gas thing, either!"

The dentist says, "Can you take a pill?"

Kasten says, "Fine."

The dentist reaches into a drawer, takes out a pill and says, "Here's a Viagra."

Kasten says, "Wow. I didn't know Viagra worked as a pain killer."

The dentist says, "It doesn't. But it'll going to give you something to hold on to while I'm yanking out your tooth."

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Why don't Arabs circumcise their camels?

So they'll have a place to put their gum during a sandstorm.

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How can a husband get his wife to stick her fingers in his asshole more often?

By pretending he doesn't enjoy it.

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A big fat Polish lady pushes her car into a gas station.

The mechanic says, "What's the matter?

She says, "It conked out."

In a few minutes, it's purring like a kitten.

She says, "What's the story?"

He says, "Crap in the carburetor."

She says, "How often do I have to do *that?"*

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What'd the blonde say when she saw a guy walking two dogs?

"He must be really blind."

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A frog goes into a bank and sits down in a chair next a desk that has a placard on it that says "Seymour Paddywhack, Bank Officer."

He says, "I need to borrow some money."

Mr. Paddywhack says, "To do that, you'll need some collateral. What have you got?"

The frog reaches into his bag, takes out a small plaster statue of Elvis and puts it on the desk.

Mr. Paddywhack says, "Is that all you have?"

The frog says, "Yeah."

Mr. Paddywhack says, "Well, that won't do."

The frog says, "I want to see the president."

Mr. Paddywhack leads the frog into the bank president's office, puts the little Elvis on his desk and says, "This frog wants to borrow some money, the only collateral he has is this statue and I don't even know what it is."

The bank president says, "It's a knick-knack, Paddywhack, give the frog a loan."

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A British guy comes home from work early and there's his wife on the living room floor with two guys. She's blowing one guy and the other guy is fucking her.

He says, "`Ello, `ello!"

She says, "So you're not speakin' to *me*, then?"

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Where would you find a turtle with no legs?
Right where you left him.

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What's fifteen inches long and hangs in front of an asshole?

Donald Trump's tie.

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The Mother Superior's riding with a few nuns and they're all giggling.
She says, "Calm down, girls, or I'll put the seats back on those bikes."

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He's on his knees every night for twenty years.

"Lord, it's me, Irving Schwartz. Would you *please* let me, sometime, win the lottery?"

Finally one night after twenty years, the heavens open up, and God says, "Irv, if you want to win the lottery, *you've got to buy a fucking ticket."*

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What's hairy and bites necks?
Cunt Dracula.

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An old guy with Parkinson's goes into an ice-cream parlor and says, "I-I'd like an ice cream, p-please ..."

The girl behind the counter says, "What flavor would you like?"

The guy says, "I-it don't matter, I-I'm gonna drop it anyway."

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Schneider walks into a shoe store and asks for a pair of size 8 tie shoes.

The salesman says, "But, sir, I can see from up here you're at least a size 11."

Schneider says, "Just bring me a size 8 tie shoe."

The salesman brings them, Schneider stuffs his feet into them, ties them tight, stands up and winces.

When he sees how confused the salesman is, he says, "Listen, I lost my business and my house, I live with my mother-in-law, my wife is fucking my best friend, my daughter is pregnant and my son deals crystal meth. The only pleasure I have in life is taking off these fucking shoes."

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A midget's marooned on a desert island for fourteen years and finally one day he's rescued. When they get him to shore, they ask him what he'd like.

He says, "You know damn well what I'd like."

They take him to a brothel, he goes upstairs with a girl, they go in a room and they both get undressed. Then he puts on a condom, puts some cotton in each ear and puts a clothespin on his nose.

The girl says, "What the hell are you doing?"

The midget says, "If there's two things in this world that I hate, it's the sound of a woman screaming and the smell of burning rubber."

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Fugelsang says to the doctor, "I'm thinking about having a vasectomy."

The doctor says, "That's a pretty big decision. Have you talked it over with your family?"

Fugelsang says, "Yeah. They're in favor of it, fourteen to three."

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Two Spanish guys show up at The Gates of Heaven and the first one says, "We want in."

St. Peter says, "Let me go ask God."

He walks over to God and says, "God, there are two Spanish guys at The Gates who want in."

God says, "If they are good people, let them in."

St. Peter goes back to The Gates, and then comes back to God and says, "They're gone."

God says, "The Spanish guys?"

St. Peter says, "No. The Gates."

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A waiter brings a lady her clam chowder and she sees his thumb is hooked over the cup.

She says, "Waiter, you've got your thumb in my soup."

He says, "Yeah. I got the arthritis, and the warm makes it feel much better."

She says, "Well, why don't you just stick your thumb up your ass?"
He says, "That's what I do in the kitchen."

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Two little old ladies are sitting at the slot machines in Atlantic City.
The first one says, "D-did you come on the bus?"
The second one says, "Yeah, b-but I made it look like an asthma attack."

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My ex-girlfriend ... what an asshole ...
... and her tits weren't bad, either.

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Cristiano says, "Doc, I think I've got a sex problem. I can't get it up for my wife anymore."
The doctor says, "Come back tomorrow and bring her with you."
The next day, Cristiano shows up with his wife.
The doctor says to the wife, "Take off your clothes and lie on the table."
She does it, and the doctor walks around the table a few times looking her up and down.
He pulls Cristiano to the side and says, "You're fine. She doesn't give me a hard-on, either."

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Did you hear about those new super-sensitive condoms?
After you fuck her, they stay and talk to her.

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What would you call a Chinese hooker with a huge vagina?
Gae Ping.

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for the kids:

What would you call an elephant who never washes?
A smellyphant.

Why don't lobsters share?
Because they're shellfish.

Where do cows learn how to sing?
In moooosic class.

Knock, knock...
Who's there?
Cook ...
Cook who?
Cuckoo? What are you, a *clock?*

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?
He didn't have any guts.

Why'd Melvin cut a hole in his brand new umbrella?
So he could see when it stopped raining.

Harry's mother says, "Why are you crying, Harry?"
He says, "Because my new sneakers hurt."
She looks down and says, "That's because you put them on the wrong feet."
Harry says, "But these are the only feet I have."

What should you do if your clothes are on fire?
Don't put them on.

END of KIDS' SECTION!

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There was a Chinee in China,
We thought was a very good climber ...
He slipped on a rock,
Fell and knocked off his cock,
Now that Chinaman's got a vagina.

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Did you hear about the woman who died from eating too much peanut butter?
She stuck to the roof of her coffin.

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A midget goes into a bar, and he's too short to see over, so he starts jumping up and down saying, "A whiskey, please," "A whiskey, please."

Nobody's taking care of him, so he keeps jumping up and down saying, "A whiskey, please," "A whiskey, please."

Finally he gets up on a chair, looks over and sees a midget bartender jumping up and down saying, "With ice?" "With ice?"

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How many vaginas does it take to change a light bulb?
Just one, but is has to be very sticky.

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classic Rodney Dangerfield:
"Last night my wife met me at the door in sexy lingerie ...
... trouble is, she was coming home. ..."

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What's the difference between a white cow and a black cow?
A white cow goes, "Moo," and a black cow goes, "Moo out d' way."

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Schmidlap's been away on business and decides it'd be nice to bring his wife a gift.

He goes into a store and the girl says, "How about some perfume? This bottle is one hundred and fifty dollars."

He says, "That's too much."

She says, "This one's sixty dollars."

He says, "Still too much. I'd like to see something really cheap."

So she hands him a mirror.

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What's a cowboy call a cowgirl prostitute who won't go all the way?
A hired hand

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Leeds is parking with a girl in the rain. It's very hot and stuffy and the windows are getting all steamed up, so he cracks open the passenger's side window.

He moves over and starts fiddling with her, and she says, "I'm getting wet," so he keeps fiddling, and she says, "I'm getting wet," and he keeps fiddling.

Finally she says, "Will you *close the fucking window?* I'm getting wet."

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... if you didn't enjoy them,
I hope you find a used condom at the bottom of your mayonnaise jar ...

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According to Friday's *NY Post* Jeffrey Epstein returned to New York City "making wisecracks about his just-ended jail stint for having sex with an underage girl". "I'm not a sexual predator, I'm an 'offender,' " the Wall Street hedge fund manager told *The Post*. "It's the difference between a murderer and a person who steals a bagel," said Epstein.
Well that's not exactly the correct analogy...
Not only are Epstein's comments brazen, they are arrogant and self-implicating. By telling a reporter "I'm an offender", he seems to be admitting guilt.
Which brings me to the big question of the day. Why did Cyrus R. Vance Jr., the Manhattan D.A., allow a Level 3 sex offender (the most dangerous kind) to reside -- even for ten minutes -- in a house that is right next to Central Park and a school? Isn't that unlawful given the housing guidelines for sex offenders?
According to the *NYPost*, Epstein's Level 3 designation means that he is at "high risk" to repeat his offense and poses "a threat to public safety."
When I rang Vance (twice) to discuss Epstein's residential guidelines he did not take my calls.
According to a few of the attorneys who represented Epstein's victims in the civil cases, the financier never agreed to a psychological evaluation prior to or during his sentence, a requirement of all sexual predators.
While Epstein's self-incriminating statements are published (this week he told the *Post* "the crime that was supposedly committed in Florida is not a crime in New York" -- an interesting choice of words -- he continues to mock the law that applies to all other sex offenders who are found guilty of the same crime.
Epstein served 13 months in the West Palm Beach Stockade and 18 months under community control (a rather permissive version of house arrest), for 2 Counts of Solicitation of Prostitution with a Minor.
In August of 2010, immediately following his release from "community control", Epstein returned to his $50 million East 71st Street town house given to him by his former client and long time friend Leslie Wexner.
Just in the last few weeks he held a house warming dinner to celebrate his release from jail and reportedly invited television reporters Katie Couric, Charlie Rose, George Stephanopoulus and his close friend, HRH Prince Andrew, according to the *NY Post*.
You would think these professional television reporters would have done their homework prior to accepting his invitation no matter how desperate they were to rub elbows with Prince Andrew.
According to a 53-page sealed indictment Epstein was facing 10 years to life on multiple counts of statutory rape, and child sex trafficking.
Court documents in that case claimed he routinely sought out girls as young as 14 and paid them $200 to $1,000 for sexually explicit massages in his homes in Palm Beach, Fla., and Manhattan.
In the New York sex-offender database, Epstein isn't registered under a zip code rather a "name search" option that does not list his New York address.
The reason for this is because Epstein's Upper East Side home is considered "temporary" and by NY state law,

he is required to provide only his permanent address to the database.

Epstein is currently listed under his Florida home even though he is no longer a Florida resident either (after his arrest he immediately became a US VI resident), but then again who's keeping count?

Once again these are mere technicalities when it comes to Epstein's sexual predator case. The two most disturbing parts of this story are that this could easily happen again and that once again there will be no justice. Had Epstein been a caring benefactor contributing to society and these young girl's education and well being then the world would have judged him differently.

What he has done instead is the exact opposite -- causing enormous damage to hundreds of underage girls who could have been sponsored towards a better education.

With respect to Manhattan DA Cyrus Vance, I'm confused by his decision to allow this sexual predator to live at his Fifth Avenue house all this time (since August 2010), given his rather tough stance on gun control as witnessed by his testimony in Friday's *NYPost* when asked about a Florida driver cleared in a Manhattan weapon's charge, "guns brought illegally into New York City" he said, " for any reason violate well established state laws and are a threat to our public safety".

Then wouldn't a registered sex offender living 500 feet from a park (Central Park where young girls congregate), and with resources to spare be an even more dangerous threat to society?

The Billionaire Pedophile's Sex Den

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Newscom **Hedge fund mogul and sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, who went free this week, lived in a depraved world of thrice-daily massages, pornographic artwork, and hush money—that's only now being revealed. Conchita Sarnoff reports on the sordid details in part two of her exclusive exposé. Also:**

• Nude images of young girls were scattered around the house and the bathroom soap was shaped like sex organs

• Staff trolled for fresh recruits to make sure Epstein had two or three massage appointments each day

• The house manager has been sentenced to a longer prison term than Epstein—for trying to sell notes regarding massage appointments

• Epstein gave $1 million to his friend Jean Luc Brunel when he was starting the modeling agency MC2

• According to a former bookkeeper, young girls were brought to the U.S. by MC2—often from Eastern Europe—then traveled on Epstein's private jets

Jeffrey Epstein's loyal friends say that his prosecution was unduly harsh, rather than outrageously lenient. They insist that his sexual habits, although obsessive and unusual, were mostly legal and essentially harmless. As the police records attest, the girls brought to El Brillo Way were routinely told they could "say no" at any time during a massage as Epstein escalated contact in a step-by-step assault that was remarkably similar in every victim's statement: First she would be asked to remove her shirt, then her pants. He would attempt to fondle her buttocks and breasts as he masturbated, then bring out a large vibrator. There was sometimes digital penetration, and the more willing girls were lured into full-blown sexual relations with both Epstein and Nadia Marcinkova, who was referred to in press accounts and police reports as Epstein's live-in "sex slave."

A former bookkeeper in the Miami office, who also arranged visas for girls traveling to the U.S., confirmed that MC2 girls became frequent guests on Epstein's private jets.

It's true that some underage girls may have lied about their age, and some came to the house voluntarily several times—although, according to Florida statutes, none of that has any bearing on the criminality of the contact,

particularly if the girl was 16 or younger. But what is particularly disturbing about this case—judging by arrangements at the Palm Beach house—is that Epstein, a billionaire hedge-fund manager, organized his life around this sexual compulsion in an open and methodical way that suggests he felt he was beyond the law.
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According to police who executed a search warrant, the house was decorated with large, framed photos of nude young girls, and similar images were found stashed in an armoire and on the computers seized at the house (although police found only bare cables where other computers had been). Some bathrooms were stocked with soap in the shape of sex organs, and various sex toys, such as a "twin torpedo" vibrator and creams and lubricants available at erotic specialty shops, were stowed near the massage tables set up in several rooms upstairs.
Epstein also enlisted his staff in the predatory activity, and four—Sarah Kellen, Adriana Ross, Lesley Groff, and Marcinkova—figured in the FBI investigation. The Non Prosecution Agreement stipulated that they would not be charged. According to police reports and sworn statements in the civil suits, all four women, among their other duties, worked to ensure that an appointment book for twice- or thrice-daily "massages" was stocked with fresh recruits. Ghislaine Maxwell, daughter of the late Czechoslovakian-born press baron Robert Maxwell, who was for many years Epstein's live-in partner, also recruited young girls.
Since his 13-month sentence for soliciting prostitution with a minor, Epstein has settled more than a dozen lawsuits brought by underage girls. Seven victims reached a last-minute deal last week, days before a scheduled trial; each received well over $1 million—an amount that will hardly dent Epstein's $2 billion net worth.
The victims told police they waited in the kitchen to be called upstairs for a massage, and the house chef often gave them a bite to eat. House manager Alfredo Rodriguez said in his sworn statement that a maid named Lupita, who was a devout Catholic, wept when she complained to him about cleaning up after the massage sessions, picking up soiled towels and putting away the sex toys. And she was upset that a photo of Epstein with the pope hung next to one of him with a young girl.
Ironically, Rodriguez, who ran the house on El Brillo Way in 2004 and 2005, ended up being sentenced to more jail time than his boss as a result of the complex investigation into Epstein's activities. He was fired, he says, for inadvertently drawing police attention to one of the girls when she arrived at the house unannounced to collect money. He saw an unfamiliar "beater" in the driveway one evening and called 911. When he left Epstein's employ, Rodriguez took away some notes and emails about massage appointments as "protection" against his own prosecution, and failed to produce them during the Palm Beach Police Department's initial investigation.

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Unable to get work as a house manager elsewhere in South Florida, he says, Rodriguez later tried to sell this "golden nugget"—his term—for $50,000, to be used in the victims' civil suits. Unfortunately, he made the offer to an undercover cop, and was subsequently charged with "obstruction of official proceedings" for withholding information that could have advanced the criminal investigation of Epstein—which by that point had been settled in a plea deal. Rodriguez was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison (Epstein was allowed to serve 13 months in the Palm Beach county jail), and now awaits an additional sentence on Aug. 24 in federal court in Miami for transporting firearms, another deal he says he made to pay the bills after he lost his job.
In a deposition given for the civil suits, Rodriguez testified that he was instructed to always have $2,000 in cash on hand, so that he could pay both the girls who gave massages and recruiters such as Haley Robson who brought them to the house. He also testified that Epstein made large contributions to the Palm Beach Police

Department, and in return was given PBPD baseball hats to put on the dashboard of his various cars to avoid being stopped or ticketed by local police. Retired Police Chief Michael Reiter, in his own deposition, acknowledged that, in addition to earlier donations to the police department (which are fairly common in well-heeled Palm Beach), Epstein had recently given the department $100,000 for some sophisticated equipment. The police were still researching the purchase when Epstein came under suspicion, and Reiter ordered the money returned. (Guy Frostin, one of Epstein's local attorneys, told police that Epstein also gave $100,000 to the Florida Ballet for massages, because he was "very passionate" about massages being "therapeutically and spiritually" beneficial. Yet victims told police they had no massage training.)

Perhaps most disturbing, in terms of possible sex trafficking, was Epstein's relationship with Jean Luc Brunel, owner of the MC2 modeling agency. According to a complaint filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, an alleged victim said that Epstein, Maxwell, Brunel, Rodriguez, and Marcinkova "deliberately engaged in a pattern of racketeering that involved luring minor children through MC2, mostly girls under the age of 17, to engage in sexual play for money." (Which would amount to trafficking.)

Brunel is a 50-plus French playboy who was formerly part owner of Karin, a Paris-based modeling agency. He lives in New York and South Beach, Florida, and owns 85 percent of MC2, which has offices in New York, Miami, and Tel Aviv. (The remaining 15 percent is owned by his partner, Jeff Fuller.) Brunel has been observed as a house guest at Epstein's Palm Beach home and may well have had contact with him also in New York, where Epstein owns a lavish home, and in Paris, where Epstein keeps an apartment on elegant Ave. Foch. CBS reporter Craig Pyes, who investigated Brunel for a *60 Minutes* broadcast many years ago, is quoted in Michael Gross' book about the modeling industry, *Model: The Ugly Business of Beautiful Women*. Pyes told the author that Brunel "ranks among the sleaziest people in the fashion industry. We're talking about a conveyor belt, not a casting couch. Hundreds of girls were not only harassed but molested." Now The Daily Beast has learned that Epstein had made a $1 million wire transfer to Brunel's offshore bank account in September 2004, just as he was setting up MC2. Whether this was a gift or a loan or a backdoor investment in the new venture is unknown. A French citizen who managed to avoid giving evidence in the Epstein investigation, Brunel declined to comment on any of this, as does Fuller. Asked in April of Brunel's activities, Epstein said "I'm 100 percent convinced that he doesn't traffic children." (Brunel has never been charged.)

An American fashion designer who booked her girls through MC2 says they were very young and very beautiful; many were from Eastern Europe and spoke little English. A former bookkeeper in the agency's Miami office, who also arranged visas for girls traveling to the U.S., confirmed that MC2 girls became frequent guests on Epstein's private jets.

Pilot logs obtained in the civil suits show that some of the named plaintiffs were on the flight manifests. Other times, the pilot would just list the other passengers plus "female."

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Jeffrey Epstein, Jew Billionaire Pedophile, Child Trafficker Goes Free..WoW! 20 year old Hearsay is enough to destroy catholic priest. What happened here to the justice system?

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Hedge fund mogul and sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, who went free this week, lived in a depraved world of thrice-daily massages, pornographic artwork, and hush money—that's only now being revealed. Conchita Sarnoff follows up on her investigation of the legal wrangling that saved him from a long prison term and reports on the sordid details in part two of her exclusive exposé. Also:

- Palm Beach's police chief objected to Epstein's "special treatment" and gave The Daily Beast an exclusive look at his nine-hour deposition about the investigation.

- Earlier versions of the U.S attorney’s charges, including a sealed 53-page indictment, could have landed Epstein in prison for 20 years.

- Victims alleged that Epstein molested underage girls from South America, Europe, and the former Soviet republics, including three 12-year-old girls brought over from France as a birthday gift.

- The victims also alleged trips out of state and abroad on Epstein’s private jets, which would be evidence of sex trafficking—a much more serious federal crime than the state charges Epstein was convicted of.

- Epstein’s attorneys investigated members of the Palm Beach Police Department, while others ordered private investigators to follow and intimidate the victims’ families; one even posed as a police officer.

- Then-Attorney General Alberto Gonzales told The Daily Beast that he “would have instructed the Justice Department to pursue justice without making a political mess.”

Film director Roman Polanski is not the only convicted pedophile to walk free this month and return to a life of privilege. On Wednesday, hedge fund manager Jeffrey Epstein completes his one-year house arrest in Palm Beach, which has been even less arduous than Polanski’s time at a Swiss ski chalet.

Watch Jeffrey Epstein Storm Out of a Deposition When Asked About His Penis

During Epstein’s term of “house arrest,” he made several trips each month to his New York home and his private Caribbean island. In the earlier stage of his sentence for soliciting prostitution with a minor—13 months in the Palm Beach Stockade—he was allowed out to his office each day. Meanwhile, Epstein has settled more than a dozen lawsuits brought by the underage girls who were recruited to perform “massages” at his Palm Beach mansion. Seven victims reached a last-minute deal last week, days before a scheduled trial; each received well over $1 million—an amount that will hardly dent Epstein’s $2 billion net worth.

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With that, the known victims of Epstein’s sexual compulsion have been officially silenced, and the case against him is closed unless new ones come forward. According to banking sources, he has been moving assets out of the U.S. and may well follow Polanski into a luxurious exile.

But the question remains: Did Epstein’s wealth and social connections—former President Bill Clinton; Prince Andrew; former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak; New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson; and former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers were just a few of the prominent passengers on his private jets—allow him to receive only a slap on the wrist for crimes that carry a mandatory 20-year sentence? Was he able, with his limitless assets and heavy-hitting lawyers—Alan Dershowitz, Gerald Lefcourt, Roy Black, Kenneth Starr, Guy Lewis, and Martin Weinberger among them—to escape equal justice?

Epstein Faces Sex-Traffic Probe
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The Justice Department is investigating Jeffrey Epstein for child trafficking, The Daily Beast has learned—and has widened the scope of its probe to include a famous modeling agency.

Hedge-fund manager Jeffrey Epstein completed his sentence for soliciting prostitution with a minor last week.

But it appears his problems may not be over. Now The Daily Beast has learned that:

- Federal investigators continue to investigate Epstein's activities, to see whether there is evidence of child trafficking—a far more serious charge than the two in his non-prosecution agreement, the arrangement between Epstein and the Department of Justice allowing him to plead guilty to lower-level state crimes. Trafficking can carry a 20-year sentence.

- The FBI is also investigating Epstein's friend Jean Luc Brunel, whose MC2 modeling agency appears to have been a source of girls from overseas who ended up on Epstein's private jets.

Because Epstein's predatory habits stretch back many years and involved dozens of young-looking girls, there may well be more evidence to uncover.

Under the concept of double jeopardy, Epstein can no longer be prosecuted for any of the charges covered by his non-prosecution agreement, in which he agreed to serve a short term of incarceration, fund the civil suits of named victims, and register as a sex offender. The victims who accepted cash settlements in these civil suits agreed not to testify against him or speak publicly about the case. However, new evidence developed by the Department of Justice on other offenses not covered by the agreement, including allegations by additional victims who come forward, could lead to new charges. There is no statute of limitations in the federal sex-trafficking law, which was also enacted by the state of Florida in 2002. Because his predatory habits stretch back many years and involved dozens of young-looking girls, there may well be more evidence to uncover. (Several young women who claim to be Epstein victims have recently contacted a Ft. Lauderdale lawyer, but to date no new civil complaints have been filed.)

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These new developments come one week after the publication of two articles in The Daily Beast about Epstein's pattern of sexual contact with underage girls, which Palm Beach police began investigating in 2005 and the U.S. Attorney's office then settled in a 2007 plea deal. The first article quoted a deposition by then-Palm Beach Chief of Police Michael Reiter, in which he stated that Epstein, a billionaire with many powerful friends, had received special treatment in both his plea deal and the terms of his incarceration. Although federal investigators at one point produced a draft 53-page indictment against Epstein, he was eventually allowed to plead guilty to only two relatively minor state charges and receive a short term of incarceration: 13 months in the county jail, during which he went to the office every day, and one year of community control, during which he traveled frequently to New York and his private island in the Virgin Islands.

The Daily Beast has now discovered another instance in which Epstein apparently received special consideration: As a convicted sex offender, he is required by law to undergo an impartial psychological evaluation prior to sentencing and to receive psychiatric treatment during and after incarceration. This is because child molesters tend to be repeat offenders with high rates of recidivism. According to a source in law enforcement, however, Epstein was allowed to submit a report by his private psychologist, Dr. Stephen Alexander of Palm Beach, Florida, whose phone has since been disconnected with no forwarding information.

The Daily Beast's second article provided details about Epstein's systematic abuse of underage girls at his Palm Beach mansion, where members of his staff allegedly recruited and paid a parade of teenagers, most of them 16 or younger, to perform daily massages that devolved into masturbation, groping, and sometimes full-blown sexual contact. It also revealed a monetary relationship between Epstein and Jean Luc Brunel, a frequent visitor to whom he gave $1 million around the same time that Brunel was starting his MC2 modeling agency. Some of the young girls MC2 recruited from overseas—often from Eastern Europe and South America—are known to have been passengers on Epstein's private jets.

The U.S. Attorney General's Office in Florida says that it is against policy to confirm or deny the existence of an investigation. Jeffrey Epstein's lawyer, Jack Goldberger, says he has no knowledge of an ongoing probe, and he told The Daily Beast, "Jeffrey Epstein has fully complied with all state and federal requirements that arise from the prior proceedings in Palm Beach. There are no pending civil lawsuits. There are not and should not be any pending criminal investigations, given Mr. Epstein's complete fulfillment of all the terms of his non-prosecution agreement with the federal government."

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Stephanie

Omar Quadhafi is hunkering down in Tripoli giving press interviews denying that rebels are taking over Eastern Libya. Oil prices are shooting over one hundred dollars a barrel. The US government is on the verge of a shut down. These are not the top secret opening lines to Aaron Sorkin's new script, but the global headlines of a world spinning out of control. I head to Los Angeles like an overdressed lemming to attend the 83rd Academy Awards and attempt to make sense of artists thrust into combat.

For the second year nearly 6,000 Academy members have nominated 10 films and the battle is down to two. The beloved timeless classic, "The King's Speech" marches into the arena as the front runner, but passionate supporters of the brilliant edgier (and critics darling) "The Social Network" have not conceded. The ballots are counted, the party invites are out and still the feelings are raw. Filmmakers are exhausted from campaigning.

At Bryan Lourd's famous star studded party Sony Classics' Co-President Michael Barker announces to me he has taken a random sampling of voters in the room. He says, "There will be a 'Social Network' upset at the Kodak Theater." Shear panic radiates from my every pore as he says, "I am joking." It's like color war at summer camp.

Woody Allen and George Lucas tell me they are no longer members of the Academy because pitting artists against each other to determine the quality of their work is insane. They are right.

My event and publicity company is considered "Switzerland" by the studios, as we help every filmmaker to present and position his work. This year I am somewhat emotionally sucked in.

In 2005 I meet the unknown 32-year-old English director Tom Hooper on his first film for HBO,"Elizabeth I". The Emmy award winning movie stars Helen Mirren, who takes credit for discovering him directing English television. Helen later wins her Oscar for portraying Queen Elizabeth in “The Queen”. Queen Elizabeth is the daughter of King George VI portrayed by Oscar winner Colin Firth in "The King's Speech".

I also become Hooper's champion encouraging many to see his early work including his herculean 10 hour HBO mini-series "John Adams" produced by Tom Hanks.

Six years later at the Telluride Film Festival Tom Hooper is bathing in the glory of a hysterical standing ovation with Colin Firth and Geoffrey Rush at the very first screening of "The King's Speech." Surprisingly, this drama's subtle humor gets big laughs leading up to its emotional ending.

Within two weeks, at The Toronto Film Festival, Harvey Weinstein is now standing with his filmmakers witnessing the same reaction. The film wins The Audience Prize. Their strategy is to say nothing. Do nothing. They have a possible Oscar winner. Four out of five past Best Pictures have premiered in Toronto.

Cut to New York City at the end of September. It's the opening night at The Film Society of Lincoln Center. One of America's most important and prolific producers Scott Rudin, along with Jesse Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield and Aaron Sorkin are in a brightly lit box waving down to their equally hysterical audience who have just seen "The Social Network".

The film opens the next day to rave reviews and endless publicity. David Fincher is off making "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo". Aaron Sorkin becomes the face of the film and an immediate shoo-in for an Oscar.

The Hamptons International Film Festival in October suddenly becomes a launching pad for "127 Hours", where cool Yale/NYU student James Franco appears and receives a heroic standing ovation. More Oscar buzz.

"Black Swan" also unspools there in a tiny theater as Madonna, Alec Baldwin and even Harvey Weinstein slip in the back. Darren Aronofsky, sporting the ever present cool wool scarf around his neck is hailed a genius. Natalie Portman is instantly the hot nominee for Best Actress.

Both films are sensational and movie goers go nuts, but it is "The King's Speech" that edges out the competition for The Audience Prize.

Mid-November David O. Russell and Mark Wahlberg, working together for the third time, sneak "The Fighter" in Manhattan. As their audience erupts in cheers, I tell producer/actor Wahlberg, "Clint Eastwood is going to kill himself for not directing this." Wahlberg says, "You are wrong. He turned it down because he's done it. He has seen it and he loves it." I instantly lavish my affection and praise on David O. Russell, who becomes my new Clint Eastwood. Christian Bale and Melissa Leo are hailed the supporting actors to beat.

"True Grit" directed by the Coen Brothers and also produced by Scott Rudin doesn't premiere till mid-December at the Ziegfeld as the last serious Oscar contender for Best Picture. It gallops off to box office gold.

This is the year many of the 78 million Baby Boomers go back to the theaters. Five small budget independent films become surprise hits as each exceeds $100 million.

"The Social Network" now cements its battle cry with one word; "relevance". Mark Zuckerberg lands on the cover of Time Magazine as The Person of the Year. A smart and extensive ad campaign positions the film in the lead. Critics and pundits proclaim the race is over. "The Social Network" is the clear winner. Everyone goes on holiday.

This is probably the only time in Harvey Weinstein's life that he is caught off guard. He quickly mobilizes an inner team of 15 and conducts strategy meetings 7 days a week, including Christmas. They become like a Chinese Restaurant...always open. A generational war is in full swing. Harvey screens his film for the older voters. Everything is done by the books. Budgets are limited. He sends screenwriter David Seidler and Tom Hoooper to every corner of the country doing q+a's till they are blue in the face from "finding their voice." SAG voters begin seeing the film 2 and 3 times.

In January the Golden Globes voted on by about 88 foreign journalists gives Best Drama to "The Social Network", Best Director to David Fincher and Best Screenplay to Aaron Sorkin. Their film is still perceived as the Oscar winner.

Team Weinstein underestimates their hard work and is in shock when "The King's Speech" wins the PGA in L.A. Harvey doesn't even attend and is working in Sundance. They are equally surprised when Tom Hooper wins the DGA and the actors win the SAG Ensemble. The BAFTAs reinforced the lead. They are now the front runner. It takes the media a few weeks to catch on.

The Daily Mail announces Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth has enjoyed a private screening of “The King’s Speech” and is "moved" by the film. With no proof the Queen has actually seen the film, the Weinstein Company sends out a global press release thanking her Majesty for the endorsement. They also acknowledge Prime Minister David Cameron’s private Christmas screening.

On Oscar night, it isn't until Hilary Swank surprisingly yells out Hooper's name for Best Director that Harvey's gang finally realizes they are getting the Oscar for Best Picture. The King has spoken.

Friday, February 24th
Mid-day, I arrive at The Beverly Hills Hotel, where I have stayed for thirty years. As the housekeepers unpack my bags upstairs I peek into the Polo Lounge and find icon Warren Beatty in a booth. He motions me over to meet an Egyptian fashion editor from Cairo. I say, "Warren, you are a little late to visit Cairo." I tell him I'm rooting for Annette and love her film “The Kids Are All Right”. Warren tells me “The Social Network” will win.

This year I am two days late arriving to Oscar weekend. I am now shown to a very very very small room, the size of a broom closet. Uncharacteristically, I have a slight melt down. I am moved. The housekeepers run down the hall with my clothes flying. I calm down. The hotel is sold out. I get someone else's room. Another poor schmuck checking in downstairs will get the broom closet.

It is cold, grey and rainy. Taffata, organdy and embroidered silk evening clothes hang in my closet. I stay in my sweaters and fur coat and head to Arianna Huffington's Mediterranean house in Beverly Hills where Wendi Murdoch and Arianna are hosting a party for Tom Freston's wife, the beautiful blond Kathy. The book is called "Veganist: Lose Weight, Get Healthy, Change the World. A perfect book for Monks.

Arianna has just sold the Huffington Post for to AOL to $315 million dollars and rumored to have personally landed around $20 million. She is euphoric as she greets Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban at the door. Other drenched power players ushered in under umbrellas include Disney's Bob Iger and wife Willow Bay, Fox’s Jim Gianopulos, Candice Bergen and journalist daughter Chloe Malle, Google's Eric Schmidt, Oliver Stone avoiding questions about Charlie Sheen and escorting his daughter Tara, Moby, Jamie Niven, Brian Grazer, Vivi Nevo, Tracey Ullman, CBS’s Les Moonves and Julie Chen, Rob Reiner, Paramount’s Brad Grey and fiancé Cassandra Marc and Jeff Bezos. Hors d'oeuvres include pigs in blankets, a food group not mentioned in Kathy's book.

The party action migrates to UTA Jim Burkus's home in the neighborhood for “True Grit’s” Ethan and Joel Coen. I pass Ron Howard on the way in and he says, "Keep me on your list." Is he kidding? Sunrise and Mark Ruffalo, Tim Robbins, Focus Feature’s James Shamus, Nancy Meyers and John Goldwyn mingle. Adorable Hallie Steinfeld is there with her parents. I am trying to fix her up with Justin Bieber. She giggles, "Peg, I am only 14."

Hunky Josh Brolin tells me he is coming to New York in March to shoot two new films. He is working on producing and starring in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" with Tim Burton as a future project.

I am now inches away, face to face with Harrison Ford and stupidly tell him I love him in "Morning Glory". He is looking at me in utter disbelief and I will not shut up. A gorgeous guy is also inches away in a hat, glasses, jacket, layered sweater and scarves. I whisper to Harrison, "That looks just like Johnny Depp." Harrison rolls his eyes and reluctantly introduces me to his friend Johnny Depp. I babel a bit about his great work and run for cover to a corner next to my buddy, Jerry Bruckheimer. Jerry introduces me to the wives, Vanessa Paradis and Calista Flockhart. I bore them with girly chit-chat and realize it's time to get out of there.

I head over to the CAA/Bryan Lourd "Friday Night Party". Torrential rains and horrific winds cause a traffic jam that makes it impossible to get near the house. Cell phones do not work. The world's most famous faces cower under black umbrellas and make a run for it.

Bryan Lourd and Bruce Bozzi receive friends at the door all night. Inside Uma tells me she finally moved into a doorman building in New York after being terrorized by stalkers for years. Talented, Ben Walker talks about "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" he is about to shoot as his fiancé Mamie Gummer looks sexy shivering in a white satin gown. Producer Jon Kilik mentions he oversees a new cut of Julian Schnabel's "Miral" to be released in March. Bennett Miller, standing with Kristin Gore says Sony loves his new film "Moneyball" and Brad Pitt is terrific. (When is Brad Pitt not terrific?) Sandy Gallin tells me he has an actual job decorating Jeffrey Katzenberg's home and he has never been happier. I congratulate Barry Levinson's son, Sam, a director, for winning the writing award at Sundance for his first film, "Another Happy Day" which is inspired by his family.

Also seen floating around are, Taylor Swift and Jake Gyllenhaal, but not together, Sean Penn, Tom Curise and Katie Holmes, Anderson Cooper, Hilary Swank, Kelly Ripa, Carrie Fisher, Bruce Weber, Sean Combs, Paul Haggis, Marisa Tomei, Jay Roach, Kate Beckinsale, Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher, Kate Hudson, Gerard Butler, Leo DiCaprio and Bar Refaeli, Renee Zellweger with Bradley Cooper, Biutiful director Alejandro Gonzalez-Inarritu, Kathryn Bigelow and Mark Boal, Ellen Barkin who is headed to Broadway in "The Normal Heart" this spring and CAA’s Kevin Huvane, Richard Lovett and Hylda Queally.

Busy Bruce Cohen who is producing Sunday's awards broadcast tries to get his car to leave. Limo lock is at a standstill. Nothing is moving outside. Two hundred swells become party prisoners and resign to just having an absolute ball till 5:00am. Once again, this is the most star studded party in town.

Saturday, February 26th, 2011

The sun comes up and dries up all the land. IAC chairmen and owner of The Newsweek/Daily Beast Barry Diller and his designer wife Diane Von Furstenberg host their annual lunch for Graydon Carter in their Coldwater Canyon home. Barry introduces me to his star guest, Governor Jerry Brown, just elected to his third (nonconsecutive) term as California Governor. Diane’s children, Alex and Tatiana, along with their children comprise three generations of guests, which makes this party so special.

Like last year, enormous clear plastic tents are erected on the hill near the house. Long wooden picnic tables covered with yellow flowers sit on oriental rugs, covering the soggy ground. Terrines of hot soup, platters of sausages, fried chicken and salads are beautifully arranged on an endless buffet. Everyone wears winter clothes; comfy sweaters and sensible shoes. I arrive in a fur coat.

Barry and Diane’s loyal friends have been coming to this party for over fifteen years. Everybody knows everybody and it doesn’t matter if you have a hit film or TV show this season. Oprah Winfrey kisses David Geffen, casually chats with former Disney CEO Michael Eisner and current Sony chief Sir Howard Stringer. Brett Ratner arrives with his house guest Jean Pigozzi who is allowed to photograph everyone. Graydon greets people with wife Anna and Fran Lebowitz by his side.

Ingrid Sischy and Sandy Brant, Rupert Murdoch, Ron Meyer, Bryan Lourd Francesco Clemente with his twin boys and Tom Ford chat each other up. People watching include the pregnant Victoria and David Beckham with Lynn Wyatt, Liv Tyler, Vincent Gallo, Eva Longoria, Larry Gagosian and Shala Monroque, Ben Silverman, Debbie and Allen Grubman, Tobias Meyer and Mark Fletcher and Stephen Gaghan and Mini Mortimer wearing her oversized cat glasses.

Bruce Cohen has invited me to the Oscar broadcast rehearsal. This is a special honor. There are metal barricades leading up to the credentials trailer. High-tech security includes photos and computer background checks. The only thing they don’t do is pat me down and ask for fingerprints. Once inside the Kodak Theater’s massive auditorium, I find a seat next to Bruce’s proud parents. I watch Josh Brolin and Javier Bardem come out in white dinner jackets and flub their lines as they pretend to present Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Original Screenplay. Josh later told me at The Night Before Party that their acting methods are completely opposite. Josh says he is a quick study and is very creative and comfortable ad-libbing. Javier, whose mother tongue is Spanish, needs to have every syllable printed out, which he studies with a dialect coach. Little wiggle room for jokes. Life size photos on large cardboard plaques are taped to each nominee’s chair. I try to memorize their location, so when I return Sunday I can quickly kiss them all.

Back at the Beverly Hills hotel, I slip into my gorgeous black tulle Dennis Basso cocktail dress with a plunging neck line and put on my mother's jewels. Jim Coleman takes me the Night Before Party in the hotel. This is Jeffrey Katzenberg's, 9th Annual A-lister event benefiting The Motion Picture & Television Fund where they raise $6.5 million dollars in one night. I walk right into Valentino who gives me the once over and approves my outfit. I tell him and Giancarlo Giammetti that Woody Allen's new film, "Midnight in Paris" is opening the Cannes Film Festival and they must bring the yacht. Woody is also filming all summer in Rome and I am counting on them to entertain him.

Elton John and David Furnish join our conversation and of course we ask for intimate details about the new baby. Elton says this is the first time they have been away from him for more than a night and they are delirious with parenthood. I segway over to Amy Adams who mentions she also hates leaving her baby in the hotel room. I tell her she's acted like a lady with all the attention showered on Melissa Leo and that someday soon she will win an Oscar because she consistently hands in amazing performances and everybody loves her. Next stop is Kate Capshaw in a black bowler hat chatting with Steven Spielberg's god-daughter Gwyneth Paltrow. Kate gushes as she talks about her two grandchildren from daughter Jessica. I have known Steven since "I Wanna Hold Your Hand". In 1982, as a young publicist on "E.T." I moved to California to work for him as one of his thirteen assistants. I now tell him I'm going to Broadway opening of "War Horse" with Kathy Kennedy and Frank Marshall and cannot wait to see his movie version. He is wildly excited about the film. I beg him to work on it.

I meet sweet Jennifer Aniston, her new hair cut and her perfect little body. Her date tells me her secret is a half hour on the treadmill every day. Somehow I think that's an understatement. I tell Jesse Eisenberg I was on his plane home from the Baftas last week. He was hiding under his hoodie and I knew not to bother him. He said innocently, "You should have said 'Hello'. I always cover my head because I think my curls make me look like a girl".

The charity gives us a coupon booklet redeemable at various booths for cheap clothing, new iPads, make-up, chocolates, shampoo and a $50 dollar Arch gift card for free McDonalds hamburgers. A bargain is a bargain, rich people run around like lunatics, collecting gifts for their housekeepers. Among the shoppers are Steven and Heather Mnuchin, Viacom's Deborah and Philippe Dauman, Tamara Mellon, Christine Taylor and Ben Stiller, Cate Blanchette, Susan and Robert Downey,Jr., and Debra and Hugh Jackman.

Next stop is The Weinstein Company's Pre-Oscar party at the Soho House, sponsored by MontBlanc, celebrating their new charity partnership and $1 million dollar donation to the Princess Grace Foundation-USA. Long gone are the funky Miramax Saturday night parties where nominees spoofed their own films in homemade costumes and ad-libbed hilarious skits. Grown men would dress as Anna Paquin and play the piano in hopes of winning a Max Award.

There is social anxiety at the Soho House garage entrance. Guests patiently wait as super stars whisk by. A four hundred pound gorilla refuses to let me on the elevator until I spot Benny Medina. Once on, I see the radiant Jennifer Lopez in the corner and remind her we met on Len Blavatnik's yacht in Cannes. She graciously pretends to know me. Her manager, Benny Medina is kicking me.

I slip into Colin Firth's booth by the front bar to have a tete-a-tete with him and his wife Livia Giuggioli about tomorrow night. Jokingly, I suggest when he wins to say, "I'm speechless". Colin patiently assures me many people, far more clever than I, have already mentioned this. He then says that others are waging bets on whether he might subconsciously stutter. I grill him about his wardrobe, assuming he will be wearing a new Tom Ford tuxedo. He tells me both he and Ford will be in older models as Ford only designs classics. I tell him I made director Charles Ferguson, front runner for the financial documentary "Inside Job" spend $6,000 dollars last week for a new Tom Ford tuxedo.

In the back room Jennifer Lopez is now seated with Weinstein's wife Georgina Chapman. Nominee Helena Bonham Carter, her husband Tim Burton and her mother Elena circulate. Celebs have now drifted over from The Night Before Party. The star power includes Adrien Brody, Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, Cameron Diaz, Camilla Belle, Chace Crawford, Claire Danes and Hugh Dancy, Darren Aronofsky, Emma Stone, Jaime Foxx, director John Wells, Kerry Washington, Piers Morgan, Rachel Zoe, Russell Simmons, Sean Parker, Sir Ben Kingsly, Zack Braff , Michelle Williams and Leonardo Dicaprio with Bar Rafaeli. "Speech" filmmakers are functioning on high anxiety.

Sunday, February 27th, 2011

Producer Donna Gigliotti is my date to the awards. We are both so nervous we arrive at the Kodak Theater at 3:00pm and nobody is there. We are driven around for an hour. When we arrive at the world's most famous red carpet, I guide Donna through the extreme right security check-in to make sure we mingle with the nominees and get on camera. I teach her the red carpet hustle which is five steps forward, three steps back and one inch behind a couture-clad nominee. We greet Bryan Lourd as Sandra Bullock is talking to ABC-TV and a billion people see me wearing a black Marchesa gown. Five steps forward, three steps back, we next meet Gwyneth Paltrow. As I hook up the back of her dress another billion people see us correcting a fashion malfunction. Once again, five steps forward and three steps back. We are now posing for the still cameras between Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban. Our handbags begin buzzing. Countless friends are e-mailing us that they just saw us on television.

James Franco and Anne Hathaway are hip and energetic hosts. The film montages are always the best and the set looks great. This is the year of no surprises. Sorkin, Seidler, Christian Bale, Melissa Leo, Natalie Portman and Colin Firth are totally prepared to receive the gold. Tom Hooper's win leads into Best Picture. Harvey is now sitting in Spielberg's seats as Spielberg announces the win. Six months of grueling work have finally paid off. King George VI and Harvey Weinstein now share the journey of a single man who triumphs over adversity.

The Governor's ball, held above the Kodak Theater, recreates the Mocambo-Ciro's niteries of the 1930's and 40's, using a palette of teal and white. Three bands alternate musical styles as hungry guests wolf down Wolfgang Puck's delicious food. The winners triumphantly sachet around the room holding their heavy eight pound gold statues.

An hour later there is a migration to the famous Vanity Fair party hosted by Graydon Carter at the Sunset Tower Hotel owned by Jeff Klein. One celebrity after another poses in front of the green hedge standing in the middle of the circular Vanity Fair logo to record their devotion and support to Graydon and the magazine.

There's a hierarchy of arrival times. The inner circle of Graydon's 150 best friends attend a seated dinner and viewing of the show at 5pm. They include Barry Diller and Diane Von Furstenberg, Francis Ford Coppola, Jon Hamm and Jennifer Westfeldt, Betsey Bloomingdale, Tory Burch and Lyor Cohen, Tom Ford, Sandy Gallin, Mitch Glazer and Kelly Lynch, Carolina and Reinaldo Herrera, L'Wren Scott and Sir Mick Jagger, Naomi Watts and Live Schreiber, Wendi Stark, Judd Apatow, Jackie and Joan Collins, George Hammilton, Donna Karan and Steve Martin.

The best and the brightest talent in town arrive at 9pm. They are Justin Bieber and his date Selena Gomez, Andrew Garfield, Jude Law, Vera Farmiga, Armie Hammer, Jennifer Lawrence, Kevin Spacey, Charlize Theron, Anne Hathaway, Hailee Steinfield,Taylor Hackford and Helen Mirren, Scarlett Johansson, Michelle Williams, Isla Fischer and Sasha Baron Cohen, Jane Fonda after her play, "33 Variations", Melania and Donald Trump whom I introduce to David O. Russell as The Trumpster gushes about "The Fighter". Donald offers me a ride home on his plane. He is leaving in ten minutes. Too bad James Franco didn't know because he is presently sitting on a commercial flight back to school, skipping his own after party. Social standings of the rest of the guests are determined by half hour increments. Every other person previously mentioned in the story is here. VF's Beth Kseniak and Matt Ullian tell me the list is cut down to 800 this year.

At 11:30pm there is another celebrity migration up the hill to Madonna manager Guy Oseary's house. One should note that earlier in the evening Madonna came down the hill to pose in a risqué outfit with daughter Lourdes in front of the green hedge. Madonna and co-host Demi Moore are able to lure the crème de la crème with the promise of fabulous music, dancing and no cameras. Those reported on their dance floor include Ryan Phillippe with Amanda Syedfried, who were making out all night and Phillippe's ex-wife Reese Witherspoon and new fiancé Jim Toth. They pregnant Natalie Portman and choreographer Benjamin Millepied, Mick Jagger, Tom Hanks, Sean Penn, Ralph Feinnes, Mila Kunis, Cameron Diaz, Gwyneth Paltrow and Renee Zellweger and Bradley Cooper boogie til dawn.

A winner's work is never done. Colin Firth, Tom Hooper and David Seidler show up at 4:30am at The Four Seasons Hotel for a live broadcast on The Today Show with Meredith Vieira. Functioning on an adrenalin rush, they are back at the Kodak Theater with Geoffrey Rush to appear on Oprah's live broadcast. Leave it to Oprah to get the king's last words.

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Obama to make first trip to Israel, part of a potential ‘new beginning’ with region

Scott Wilson

President Obama will travel to Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories next month to make an early second-term push for peace negotiations between two divided governments and to assess the broader political developments remaking the Middle East.

It will be Obama’s first trip as president to Israel, where suspicions run high in the aftermath of his unsuccessful early efforts at Middle East peacemaking.

The choice of destination — one that Obama avoided in his first term — suggests a revival of his ambitions abroad after a year of virtual dormancy on foreign affairs. The timing also points to a willingness on his part to quickly reengage a politically volatile foreign-

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policy issue just months after winning his second term.

But the visit will highlight how much the region has changed since he last visited the Middle East in his first year in office, with the rise of Islamist governments and the widening repercussions of civil revolt.

After Obama helped topple Moammar Gaddafi in Libya in 2011, many in the region wondered when he would emerge again to help shape the course of the tumultuous Arab Spring, which has replaced a pair of U.S.-allied dictatorships with elected Islamist governments.

Within the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, much has changed since the direct peace talks Obama inaugurated in September 2010 collapsed within weeks. Israel’s recent battle with the armed Hamas movement in the Gaza Strip left many predicting a wider fight in the future, as divisions deepened within the Palestinian and Israeli electorates over whether talks or war would resolve the conflict.

“To make it a substantive trip that is more than a positive photo-op would require setting up a specific framework for an agreement and setting a tight deadline to achieve it,” said Jeremy Ben-Ami, the executive director of J Street, a nonprofit group that advocates the creation of a Palestinian state alongside Israel.

White House officials would not provide a date for Obama's trip, which he will squeeze into the tight schedule he is building around a busy domestic agenda that includes immigration, guns and the economy.

But Israeli media reported that Obama is scheduled to arrive March 20 as part of a trip that will include a stop in Jordan, where the civil war in next-door Syria and its growing refugee crisis is presenting a major challenge to King Abdullah II, a U.S. ally .

Obama began his first term by making a strong push for peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians, believing the conflict fueled radicalism in the region in general and toward the United States in particular, given its historical support for the Jewish state.

In contrast to predecessor George W. Bush, Obama wanted to demonstrate to Arab governments that the United States would make demands of Israel in pursuit of a regional peace agreement.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made little secret of his preference for Republican Mitt Romney in last year's U.S. presidential campaign. Netanyahu and Obama have at times disagreed bitterly over issues relating to the Palestinians, including Israel’s continued settlement construction in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Israel’s military occupied those territories, along with Gaza, in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. Palestinians view them as the key territorial elements of their future state.

In a June 2009 address in Cairo, a speech that asked for a “new beginning” with the Islamic world, Obama said: “The United States does not accept the legitimacy of continued Israeli settlements.” He also did not stop in Israel on that trip, instead visiting Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Germany, where he emphasized the horror of the Holocaust and the moral imperative of defending Israel. Romney, among others, made the omission a campaign issue.

But on regional security issues, Obama and Netanyahu have deepened cooperation amid rising U.S. military aid to Israel. Obama has agreed with Netanyahu that Iran must not be allowed to use its uranium-enrichment program to develop a nuclear weapon, an issue that the two will discuss during Obama’s visit.

Netanyahu’s Likud party emerged from elections last month as the largest bloc in Israel’s parliament, meaning that he will serve another term as prime minister. But a surprisingly strong showing by a new centrist party is likely to put more pressure on him to pursue talks.

“It was a mistake for Obama not to go in the first term at a time when it could have affected Israeli public opinion of him, and now, it has hardened against him to a point that I don’t believe it can,” said Elliott Abrams, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations who served as a senior Middle East adviser to Bush.

Obama’s visit will coincide with growing concern in the region that the two-state solution favored by him is in peril, as Israeli settlement construction continues and as the Islamist Hamas gains clout within the once-secular Palestinian nationalist movement. Hamas emerged stronger politically from the recent clash with Israel and continues to reject the Jewish state’s right to exist.

Hamas and its secular rival Fatah are due to meet Saturday as part of a reconciliation process. If an agreement is reached and Hamas joins the Palestinian Authority, Obama will be faced with an awkward decision on whether to meet with a government that includes members of a U.S.-
designated terrorist movement.

As he begins again in the region, Obama will be advised by new Secretary of State John F. Kerry. He has also named former senator Chuck Hagel as defense secretary, a nomination still in question after an unsteady performance by the candidate before the Senate Armed Services Committee last week that focused in part on his past criticism of Israel.

“This trip is a signal that the president has an interest, not just in the peace issue, but also in the broader concerns that Israel is facing,” said Dennis Ross, a senior Middle East adviser to Obama during his first term who is at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. “In some ways, it will be the president traveling to Israel to ask for a new beginning.”

Article 2.

Foreign Policy

Saeb Erekat - The Peace Processor

An interview by Aaron David Miller

February 5, 2013 -- Other than Mahmoud Abbas, Saeb Erekat could be the most recognizable Palestinian on the planet. The chief Palestinian negotiator is certainly among the most passionate in promoting the cause. And nobody on the

Palestinian side knows the substance of the issues or the negotiating history better.

I first met Erekat in the late 1980s, while working on the Palestinian issue for then Secretary of State George Shultz. Back then, the U.S.-educated diplomat was already showing the brashness and outspokenness that would make him one of the most memorable -- if exasperating -- of the Palestinians with whom we dealt.

He annoyed then Secretary of State James Baker by wearing his kaffiyeh around his shoulders at the opening of the Madrid Peace Conference in October 1991. And over the years, he continued to annoy the Israelis too with his fiery performances on CNN -- though to this day, key Israeli negotiators, such as Isaac Molho, continue to praise his pragmatism at the bargaining table.

It was Erekat's academic bent, analytical chops, and capacity to write in English that would make him so indispensable to the only Palestinian who really counted in those days -- Yasir Arafat. Erekat was a unique figure -- neither a fighter (no nom de guerre for him), nor a PLO insider, nor an organization man from Tunis. Rather, he was a West Banker from Jericho, and he succeeded in maintaining his relevance in a Palestinian political scene dominated not by fellow academics, but by hard men defined by struggle and intrigue. During the heady days of the peace process, he became a key point of contact for the Americans, the Israelis, the Arabs, and much of the rest of the international community.

I came to know Erekat not only as a negotiator, but as a person. He sent his kids to Seeds of Peace, a conflict resolution and coexistence organization that I ran briefly after leaving the State Department, and my daughter befriended his and stayed with the Erekats in Jericho. Saeb and I have yelled at each other, defended our respective positions, laughed, and mourned opportunities that were never adequately explored. But through it all, what he said about himself was true: He wasn't as pro-Palestinian or pro-Israeli as much as he was pro-peace.

That peace has proven elusive to this day. But with all our differences -- and there are many -- I believe Erekat believes in its possibility. Who else would list as an "objective" on his resume: "Solve the Palestinian-Israeli conflict based on a two state negotiated solution through diplomatic offices"?

If, or perhaps when, another effort to negotiate a deal is made, one thing is clear -- Erekat will be in the middle of it. Last week, he agreed to answer my questions on the past and future of the Israeli-Palestinian problem.

FP: What were your best and worst moments in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, and what was the greatest missed opportunity?

Saeb Erekat: Though I was not the chief negotiator at that moment, the connection between [then Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin and President Arafat made everyone around them, including myself, feel that peace was possible. There was significant progress in all tracks until Rabin's assassination by an Israeli terrorist -- after he was killed, no Israeli leader had the vision to understand that the window of opportunity for a two-state solution would close as fast as they continued their colonization policies.

The missed opportunity has definitely been Israel throwing away the Arab Peace Initiative, which offers normalization of relations of 57 countries with Israel in exchange for Israeli withdrawal to the 1967 border. They threw it away by bombing Gaza, by intensifying collective punishments, and by increasing settlement construction all over the occupied West Bank, particularly in and around Occupied East Jerusalem.

FP: 2013 is the 20th anniversary of the Oslo negotiations. What was Oslo's greatest success, and its greatest failure?

SE: The fact that, two decades after Oslo, we are still a nation under occupation shows that Israeli governments did derail it. The interim accords were not supposed to last for 20 years but only five. After that, we were going to enjoy freedom and sovereignty.

But Israel increased its settlement expansion. In fact, within 20 years, the number of settlers almost tripled. The institution-building efforts led by the Palestinian government have been completely undermined by the lack of freedom. This situation cannot continue. Oslo succeeded in bringing back 250,000 Palestinians from the diaspora and building the capacity for our state. The international community failed though, by granting Israel an unprecedented culture of impunity that allowed them to use negotiations as a means to continue rather than stop colonization.

FP: What is the most important thing Israelis don't understand about Palestinians?

SE: That we are not going anywhere. As simple as that. We are not going to disappear just because their government builds an annexation wall around us.

They should close their eyes and imagine their state within 10 years time. What do they see? If they continue their policies, they are going to officially adopt the form of an apartheid regime, which I think is not what many Israelis want.

FP: What is the most important thing Palestinians have learned about Israelis?

SE: That Israelis will not take back the ships that brought them here to leave somewhere else. We got to understand that we have to live side by side. The rules of engagement, though, cannot be those of apartheid, but those of freedom.

FP: What do you expect from the next Israeli government on the peace process?

SE: I don't think there is room for optimism, but our position hasn't changed. We don't see any other solution than a two-state solution. Any Israeli government that recognizes this fact and respects what previous governments have agreed upon should become a partner for peace.

FP: Is Hamas-Fatah unity possible, and what would the impact be on the future of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations?

SE: We expect to have progress in the near future, with Hamas allowing the Central Elections Commission to register new voters in Gaza. I believe there is political agreement -- in fact, there is a signed agreement. We expect to have elections as soon as possible, which is the right way to solve our differences: Let our people decide, those in Palestine as well as our people in the Diaspora.

Having said so, Hamas has recognized the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, including its mandate to negotiate a final status agreement with Israel. Once that is achieved, we expect to hold a national referendum.

FP: How would you describe Egypt's role in the peace process now? What do you expect from President Barack Obama's administration with regards to the peace process?

SE: Egypt has played a central role, and continues to do so. We trust that Egypt, under President Mohamed Morsy's leadership, will continue to play a strong role because Palestine and Egypt have a common interest in achieving peace.

President Obama had stated that he has a personal commitment to bring peace to the Middle East. We, the Egyptians, and the rest of the Arab world tell him that we are ready for peace. We have the Arab Peace Initiative. This goes in line with the stated U.S. national interest. Washington's failure to explicitly say that Israel is to blame for choosing settlements over peace has contributed to Israel's culture of impunity.

FP: Can America be an effective broker in negotiations?

SE: If the U.S. decides to be an honest broker, it could not only be effective but in fact could bring real peace to the region, a just and lasting one. The U.S. has a moral obligation toward the Palestinian people, who have been under occupation and living in exile for decades.

FP: Is a two state solution still possible?

SE: Yes, but only if there is a political will. So far, Israel's will is about colonization, and the international community has failed to put an end to decades of double standards by treating Israel as a state above the law. We don't see any other solution than a two-state solution, though Israel is taking us to a one-state reality.

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Article 3.

The Daily Beast

The Mixed Legacy Of Shimon Peres

Daniel Gavron

Feb 4, 2013 -- Now that he has finished his consultations with the country's political parties and charged Benjamin Netanyahu with forming a new coalition, Israel's respected President, Shimon Peres, is once again very much in the news. In his speech inviting Netanyahu to form the next government, the President spoke forcefully about peace and even seemed to influence Bibi to mention peace, a word he never used in his election campaign. Peres has rightly earned respect for this from many quarters, but now, as the coalition is being formed, it might be a good time to examine one aspect of Israel's political culture: the lack of respect for the task of a parliamentary opposition. Peres is at least partly to blame for this, as he almost always preferred to join various administrations—even as a junior partner—rather than lead the opposition, ofen citing "our grave situation" and "national responsibility."   Now is surely a better time to criticize Peres than in June, when the world (maybe even including President Barack Obama) will be coming here to celebrate his 90th birthday. Then, surely, everyone will be paying deserved tribute to the wisdom of this elder statesman and prophet of peace, and it would be a shame to spoil the party. So let's clear the air right now, well before the festivities. Before we get to the matter of coalition politics, which is very much on our minds right now as Netanyahu struggles to put together a government, let us consider the other negative part of the Peres legacy: his stint as Defense Minister under Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin from 1974 to 1977. Today Peres is widely respected as the architect of the Oslo Accord of 1993, achieved while he was Foreign Minister. It was the first political move toward a settlement between Israel and the Palestinians, and Peres deserves huge credit for securing the agreement. However, two decades earlier, as Defense Minister, he supported the Jewish settlement project in the newly-conquered Palestinian territories, both overtly and covertly. Not for nothing did Rabin label Peres in his memoirs as "an indefatigable intriguer." In 1975, while Rabin was doing his utmost to prevent the settlement of Elon Moreh, near Nablus, Peres continuously sabotaged his efforts. After no less than eight settlement attempts, which were ruled illegal by Israel's Supreme Court, a "compromise" was reached, and Elon Moreh was established five kilometers to the east of the original site. Moreover, during the furor over Elon Moreh, Defense Minister Peres quietly facilitated the creation of Ofra, near Ramallah.

These two settlements, which have become flagships of the settlement movement, were the start of Jewish colonization in Samaria, the northern part of the West Bank. The previous year, as a young reporter, I interviewed Peres, after he and his political ally Moshe Dayan had refused "on principle" to join the government of Golda Meir. "If a single child can learn that politics is not just intrigues," Peres told me, "I will be satisfied that we have done our bit." Just one week later, when he and Dayan had reversed their position for no discernable reason, and were seated snugly around the cabinet table, I asked Peres what he had to say to the "single child." His aides sniggered, but Peres didn't bat an eyelid: "Just what my mentor, David Ben-Gurion (Israel's first Prime Minister) told me: when the security of Israel is laid on one side of the scales, and everything else on the other side, security tips the balance." Peres subsequently used that self-same argument to join every government that would have him. The late Menachem Begin lost nine elections before finally becoming Israel's Prime Minister in 1977. He served as a pugnacious and dedicated leader of the opposition. Peres almost never headed the opposition, always preferring a ministerial appointment, once even designing a grotesque system of "rotation" with Yitzhak Shamir, so that he could be in the government. He proposed the ideal of "national unity," and greatly devalued the democratic concept of parliamentary opposition. Former Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni ruined her reputation when she refused to join Netanyahu in his last government. While it is quite true that Livni was an ineffective opposition leader, it is the very fact of her refusal to join the administration and "influence it from within" that has provoked most of the criticism by Israeli political commentators. Similar criticism is currently being leveled at Labor Party leader Shelly Yachimovich for stating clearly that she would not join Netanyahu's next government, but would serve as leader of the opposition. There are certainly many reasons to criticize Yachimovich, but not her eminently democratic decision to lead the parliamentary opposition. Very few of our political commentators have ever expressed respect or even understanding for the concept of opposition. The most popular political idea in Israel today is national unity—better still, a National Unity Government: "We should all rally round the flag and support our government in these critical times." This position, widely espoused, echoes what Peres has said repeatedly over the years.

So, although the Peres vision of peace is a positive legacy, he has also taught us less helpful lessons. The settlements are a supremely negative inheritance, but I would argue that the anti-democratic rejection of the concept of a parliamentary opposition is an even more harmful bequest handed down to us by President Shimon Peres.

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Article 4.

NYT

India vs. China vs. Egypt

Thomas L. Friedman

February 5, 2013 -- New Delhi -- It's hard to escape a visit to India without someone asking you to compare it to China. This visit was no exception, but I think it's more revealing to widen the aperture and compare India, China and Egypt. India has a weak central government but a really strong civil society, bubbling with elections and associations at every level. China has a muscular central government but a weak civil society, yet one that is clearly straining to express itself more. Egypt, alas, has a weak government and a very weak civil society, one that was suppressed for 50 years, denied real elections and, therefore, is easy prey to have its revolution diverted by the one group that could organize, the Muslim Brotherhood, in the one free space, the mosque. But there is one thing all three have in common: gigantic youth bulges under the age of 30, increasingly connected by technology but very unevenly educated.

My view: Of these three, the one that will thrive the most in the 21st century will be the one that is most successful at converting its youth bulge into a "demographic dividend" that keeps paying off every decade, as opposed to a "demographic bomb" that keeps going off every decade. That will be the society that provides more of its youth with the education, jobs and voice they seek to realize their full potential.

This race is about "who can enable and inspire more of its youth to help build broad societal prosperity," argues Dov Seidman, the author of "How" and C.E.O. of LRN, which has an operating center in India. "And that's all about leaders, parents and teachers creating environments where young people can be on a quest, not just for a job, but for a career — for a better life that doesn't just surpass but far surpasses their parents." Countries that fail to do that will have a youth bulge that is not only unemployed, but unemployable, he argued. "They will be disconnected in a connected world, despairing as they watch others build and realize their potential and curiosity."

If your country has either a strong government or a strong civil society, it has the ability to rise to this challenge. If it has neither, it will have real problems, which is why Egypt is struggling. China leads in providing its youth bulge with education, infrastructure and jobs, but lags in unleashing freedom and curiosity. India is the most intriguing case — if it can get its governance and corruption under control. The quest for upward mobility here, especially among women and girls, is palpable. I took part in the graduation ceremony for The Energy and Resources Institute last week. Of 12 awards for the top students, 11 went to women.

"India today has 560 million young people under the age of 25 and 225 million between the ages of 10 and 19," explained Shashi Tharoor, India's minister of state for human resource development. "So for the next 40 years we should have a youthful working-age population" at a time when China and the broad industrialized world is aging. According to Tharoor, the average age in China today is around 38, whereas in India it's around 28. In 20 years, that gap will be much larger. So this could be a huge demographic dividend — "provided that we can educate our youth — offering vocational training to some and university to others to equip them to take advantage of what the 21st-century global economy offers," said Tharoor. "If we get it right, India becomes the workhorse of the world. If we get it wrong, there is nothing worse than unemployable, frustrated" youth.

Indeed, some of India's disaffected youth are turning to Maoism in rural areas. "We have Maoists among our tribal populations, who have not benefited from the opportunities of modern India," Tharoor said. There have been violent Maoist incidents in 165 of India's 625 districts in recent years, as Maoists tap into all those left out of the "Indian dream." So there is now a huge push here to lure poor kids into school. India runs the world's biggest midday lunch program, serving 250 million free school lunches each day. It's also doubled its number of Indian Institutes of Technology, from eight to 16, and is planning 14 new universities for innovation and research.

But this will all be for naught without better governance, argues Gurcharan Das, the former C.E.O. of Procter & Gamble India, whose latest book is “India Grows at Night: A Liberal Case for a Strong State.” “The aspirational India has no one to vote for, because no one is talking the language of public goods. Why should it take us 15 years to get justice in the courts or 12 years to build a road? The gap between [youth] aspirations and government performance is huge. My thesis is that India has risen despite the state. It is a story of public failure and private success.”

That is what Das means by India grows at night, when government sleeps. “But India must learn to grow during the day,” he said. “If India fixes its governance before China fixes its politics that is who will win. ... You need a strong state and a strong society, so the society can hold the state accountable. India will only get a strong state when the best of society join the government, and China will only get a strong society when the best Mandarins go into the private sector.”

Article 5.

Foreign Policy

Don't be too sure there won't be another U.S. war in the Middle East

Richard L. Russell

February 5, 2013 -- Shortly before he left office in Feb. 2011, Defense Secretary Robert Gates told West Point cadets that "in my opinion, any future defense secretary who advised the president to again send a big American land army into Asia or into the Middle East or Africa should ‘have his head examined,' as General MacArthur so delicately put it." The remark no doubt reflected Sec. Gates's fatigue and frustration from the enormous intellectual and emotional burdens associated with overseeing the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

One suspects, however, that in a more reflective moment, Gates would have acknowledged that "never say never" is a wise rule of thumb in planning for military contingencies, especially in the region that makes up Central Command's area-of-responsibility. Few, for example, predicted the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Gates himself -- who was a senior CIA official during the covert war supporting the Afghan resistance -- surely did not anticipate then that the United

States would have to return to Afghanistan two decades later to oust a Taliban regime that was harboring terrorists. Before 1990, moreover, no one predicted that Iraq, having just ended a bitter eight-year war with Iran, would swing its battered forces south to invade Kuwait.

So if it's conventional wisdom that the United States will not, or should not, intervene militarily in the Middle East or South Asia after it draws down forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, it's also likely dead wrong. What is true, however, is that political and military trajectories in the Middle East and South Asia are likely to increasingly challenge U.S. contingency access in the coming decade. The ability for the United States to surge large-scale forces into the region, as it did in the 1990 and 2003 wars against Iraq, will grow increasingly circumscribed. The United States will have to adapt to this new strategic landscape by developing more nimble, highly-mobile, stealthy, and networked forces, and by abandoning the traditional practice of slowly and steadily building up conventional forces at regional logistic hubs prior to launching war.

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Perhaps the most significant factor that portends against further intervention in the Middle East and South Asia is increased political resistance -- and outright opposition -- from the countries in the region. That resistance is likely to come from the new regimes emerging from the Arab uprisings, as well as a number of Gulf monarchies.

Indeed, the political trends in the region are unlikely to conform to the rosy predictions of democratic peace theorists, whose musings have implicitly informed the security policies of both Republican and Democratic administrations for decades. Old authoritarian regimes seem to be passing the way of the dodo bird, but the new regimes taking shape are heavily influenced by militant Islamic ideology that will make them less likely to engage in security or military cooperation with the United States.

Democracy optimists argue that these ideological regimes, once entrenched in power, will have to moderate their zeal in order to govern. Pragmatism will ultimately trump ideology. That line of reasoning, however, is based on the assumption that the policy decisions of such regimes can be explained by rational choice economic theory. In other words, if they want to attract international capital and participate in the world economy, they are going to have to break with their ideological affinities. But that reasoning ignores a hard fact of international politics: that time and again, political and ideological prerogatives trump economic rationality. It made little economic sense, for example, for Pakistan to pursue a nuclear weapons program in the 1970s, just as it makes little economic sense for Iran to do so today. Clearly, both Pakistan and Iran made major policy decisions based on political-military priorities rather than economic calculations.

As for the surviving monarchies in the Middle East, they too will likely be less accommodating to American military forces than they have been in the past. To be sure, much of the Arab support for past American military operations -- like both Iraq wars -- was hidden from the public eye. Arab states often loudly and publicly denounced "unilateral American" military action in the region at the same time as they supported it in backroom dealings, quietly authorizing facilities support and air, land, and sea access.

But if Arab Gulf states were quietly supportive in the past, their opposition to American military force is likely to grow in the future. They read the aftermath of the Arab uprisings much differently than did American and European policymakers. The Gulf monarchies were shocked that the United States "abandoned" Egyptian President Hosni

Mubarak in his time of need in early 2011. Their leaders expected the United States to push for Mubarak and the Egyptian military to crack down on public protests in Cairo. After all, American policymakers during the Carter administration had at least given this policy option consideration during the Iranian revolution in 1979.

Already, several Gulf states have begun to translate their displeasure into policy independence from Washington. In 2011, for example, a coalition of Gulf states led by Saudi Arabia intervened in Bahrain to quell domestic unrest in the island country. They did so under the banner of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which for years had been a feckless military force. Largely unnoticed in Western commentary was that the GCC, for the first time in its history, mounted a relatively effective military intervention.

Bahrain today is for all intents and purposes a province of Saudi Arabia, even if it is not polite to say so in diplomatic circles. Since the Iranian revolution, Bahrain -- like the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Oman, and Qatar -- has pursued close ties with the United States, in significant measure to counterbalance Iran and Saudi Arabia. With Washington at their back, they were able to stake out security policies that were at least nominally independent from

Saudi Arabia. When Saudi Arabia wanted American forces removed from the kingdom, for example, Qatar was eager to compensate by hosting a more robust American command presence in the region.

The Arab uprisings and subsequent GCC intervention in Bahrain have turned the tables, making Saudi security backing a necessity for the smaller Gulf monarchies. From their perspective, American forces are clearly more capable than Saudi forces, but given the alignment of their interests, Riyadh is a more reliable security partner. Gulf leaders and military commanders in the coming decade will be focused on how to avoid following in Mubarak's footsteps. Part of minimizing that risk will involve decreasing security dependency on the United States. Gulf leaders have to worry that if push comes to shove, the Americans will throw them under a bus just like they did to Mubarak.

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If the political dynamics in the Middle East and South Asia do not favor further American military intervention in the future, neither do the emerging military trends. The proliferation of supersonic cruise missiles and mines in the region will make for nasty forced entries into narrow maritime confines like the Suez Canal, the Red Sea, and the Persian Gulf.

But the likely proliferation of nuclear weapons -- and ballistic missile delivery systems -- will pose even more formidable challenges to conventional military surges in the region. In the future, the United States will not be able to take for granted unchallenged surges of naval, air, and ground forces into regional theaters via logistics hubs. These hubs -- like the American naval presence in Bahrain -- are large, readily identifiable, and will be increasingly vulnerable to future targeting by nuclear weaponry.

Iran's nuclear weapons, assuming it gets them, will pose a direct threat to American military surge capabilities. Although American policymakers and military commanders might feel confident that they could surge forces into the Gulf despite Iranian nuclear threats because of the American nuclear deterrent, Gulf security partners might be more nervous and less willing to cooperate. As a result, they might not grant access to U.S. air, naval, and ground forces out of fear of angering Iran.

American observers who doubt that Gulf states would make such calculations should recall how Kuwait responded in the lead-up to Iraq's invasion in 1990. When faced with a build-up of Iraqi forces along its border, Kuwait decided not to mobilize its military out of fear that the move would provoke Saddam Hussein. The incentives for Gulf states to make similar strategic calculations in the future will be greater when Iran has an inventory of nuclear weapons to match its growing ballistic missile capabilities.

The Gulf states, moreover, will likely reason that the U.S. capability to threaten or use force against a nuclear Iran will be significantly diminished. Even without nuclear weapons, Gulf states have seen, in their view, a long history of American reluctance to threaten or use force against Iran. For example, the United States took no direct military action against Iran after it aided and abetted Hezbollah bombings against Americans in Lebanon in the 1980s, after Iran supported the bombing of Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia in 1996, or even after Iran supported the deadly campaign of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) against U.S. troops in Iraq. Gulf states will no doubt judge that if the United States was unable and unwilling to attack Tehran under these circumstances, then it is certainly not going to attack Iran in the future, when it will be able to retaliate with nuclear weapons.

American policymakers may counter that Iran would never be foolish enough to threaten or use nuclear weapons against the United States, given its robust nuclear deterrence posture. But the threat or use of nuclear weapons might not look so foolish from Iran's perspective. One of the great strategic lessons drawn from the long history of conflict in the Middle East is this: Do not go to war without nuclear weapons, as Saddam Hussein did when he invaded Kuwait. The corollary is: Do not allow the United States to methodically build-up forces in the Gulf prior to invading, as Saddam did both in the run-up to the 1991 re-conquest of Kuwait and in 2003, before the drive to topple the regime in Baghdad.

Drawing upon these lessons, Iran will likely do everything in its power to deny the United States the ability to surge conventional forces into the region -- and that might include threatening to target U.S. forces with nuclear weapons. Iran might accept the risk that preemptive use of nuclear weapons could bring on American nuclear retaliation, because failure to do so would mean certain destruction for the regime. The United States would be able to build-up conventional forces in the region and oust Iran's leaders just as it did in Baghdad.

This line of strategic reasoning runs counter to conventional wisdom in the

West, but we actually know little or nothing about what Iranian decision-makers think about nuclear weapons or deterrence theory. Since the Iranian revolution in 1979, opportunities for the exchange of professional views between Western and Iranian scholars, policymakers, and military leaders on these critically important issues have been extremely limited. Therefore, it's not unreasonable to assume that the Iranians, like American policymakers in the early stages of developing their nuclear triad doctrine, will think of nuclear weapons as merely "big artillery." Unfortunately, the United States and its security partners lack formal and informal exchanges with the Iranians akin to the Cold War discussions and arms control negotiations between the Americans and Soviets, which allowed both parties to develop mutual understandings of the other's perception of nuclear weapons. These understandings were essential for crisis management in the Cold War strategic relationship after the Cuban missile crisis.

Meanwhile, the Gulf states, led by Saudi Arabia, are likely to look for their own nuclear deterrents. Much like France wanted its own nuclear force de frappe during the Cold War, the Gulf states will want their own nuclear weapons to deter Iran. Saudi Arabia and the smaller Gulf states will worry that the United States would be deterred from coming to their defense in future regional crises by Iran's nuclear weapons.

Saudi Arabia and other Arab states are likely to see nuclear weapons as a quick fix for all of their security woes. Although they have been on a shopping spree in the past decade, buying expensive and sophisticated Western military technology, they have had a tough time absorbing the new technology and fully utilizing and integrating weapons systems. To be sure, in a rough net assessment, Saudi Arabia and its allies in the Gulf have significantly greater conventional capabilities than Iran. But if Iran goes nuclear, they will want to follow suit.

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Americans may be weary of conflict in the Middle East and South Asia, but strategic prudence demands that we contemplate future military interventions in the Central Command theater. A scan of the horizon reveals that both political and military trends in the region pose formidable obstacles to conventional force surges into the region.

But there is another wrinkle in this story that U.S. policymakers must contend with as they plan for the future. As Gulf monarchies seek to reduce their dependence on American military power, they will increasingly look to China for security assurances. China does not have a political agenda devoted to promoting democratization, and it maintains political and diplomatic ties with both Arab states and Iran. China's military activity in the region is modest but increasing, as evidenced by its recent peacekeeping dispatches to the region and naval port visits in the Gulf. Beijing is likely to send more naval forces to the Gulf to increase its presence there and enhance its ability to protect the sea lanes which bring oil to China's thirsty economy. China is keenly aware that the United States has naval supremacy in the Gulf, but will be working to erode that strategic edge in the future.

Faced with these realities, there is a need for new thinking and innovative conceptualizations of surges into Centcom's area of responsibility. Theater campaign planners will have to think about contingencies in which the United States cannot slowly and methodically build up forces in the region and then kick off campaigns after most troops, arms, and equipment are in place. Future U.S. force build-ups in the region will be far too vulnerable to preemptive nuclear strikes. As a result, planners will have to devise campaign plans in which the insertion of U.S. military forces begins with an immediate rolling and flowing start. The United States will have to work from smaller troop footprints and be prepared to start fighting even as follow-on-forces are on the way. Ideally, these forces would flow from multiple staging positions to reduce vulnerability to nuclear attack. The politics of the region, however, will work against securing a multitude of staging areas from which to deploy.

The region under the purview of Centcom has always been riddled with political violence that has posed formidable challenges to military operations. But in plotting a course over the horizon, the political and military obstacles for American military surges into the region are poised to grow even larger. As a result, theater contingency planners will have fewer good options for projecting American military power into the region -- and they'll have to do more with the bad and the ugly.

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Article 6.

The Diplomat

Getting to the Endgame With Iran

Robert Dreyfuss

February 6, 2013 -- Why did it take so long to secure a date for talks between Iran and the P5+1?

After all, in the weeks before the presidential election in November, it was reported that the United States and Iran had already tactically agreed to convene private, one-on-one talks. And since then the United States, the European powers, Russia, and China, all sought to arrange another round of negotiations, first in December and then in January. It now appears that Iran, which is about to enter its presidential election season, has finally agreed to what will be the first round of negotiations with the P5+1 since the last round in Moscow seven months ago. On Tuesday, Tehran announced that it will join talks on February 26 in Kazakhstan.

The negotiations will be a serious test for the Obama administration and for John Kerry, the new secretary of state. Previous rounds have all faltered because neither side was willing to make concessions to the other, and so far there is little sign that the United States and the P5+1 have improved their offer to Iran very much. As the talks were announced, the Washington Post reported: “The P5+1 powers have made only mild revisions to a proposal that Iran flatly rejected last June.” Until now, the United States has been unwilling to acknowledge Iran’s right to enrich uranium on its own soil and to suggest that some economic sanctions might be lifted as part of a deal, and Iran has refused to agree even to a limited deal called “stop, ship, and shut” – involving the suspension of its enrichment to 20 percent purity, shipping its existing stockpiles of 20% uranium to a third country for processing, and shutting down its underground facility at Fordo, near Qom – without an agreement to lift sanctions.

After the reelection of Barack Obama in November, there were great hopes that the president would have greater political freedom of offer concessions to Iran. Yet, publicly at least, the White House isn’t signaling that it is ready to make a more generous offer to Iran, and in fact Obama in January signed into law yet another round of draconian economic sanctions.

Perhaps as a result, Iran allegedly dragged its feet on setting a date for talks. Despite prodding from the P5+1 – including urgent efforts by Russia — in

January Iran reportedly went silent about talks. Russia, increasingly frustrated by the inability of Tehran and the West to negotiate seriously, vented its frustration. “Some of our partners in the six powers and the Iranian side cannot come to an agreement about where to meet," Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told a news conference. "We are ready to meet at any location as soon as possible. We believe the essence of our talks is far more important (than the site), and we hope that common sense will prevail and we will stop behaving like little children.”

According to analysts in Washington, reinforced by comments from Iran itself, a big reason for Tehran’s recalcitrance is that Iran wants to prove to the United States that its vaunted sanctions regime will not force Iran to make unilateral concessions at the bargaining table. In addition, Iran is concerned that it won’t get much in return in talks with the West, and that it will be asked to make unilateral concessions on uranium enrichment without getting sanctions relief in return. Combined with Iranian internal divisions, as its own presidential election season gets underway, that could mean that for the next six months or so Ayatollah Ali Khamenei simply won’t be ready to talk seriously, despite scheduling the Kazakhstan round.

Others suspect that Iran is waiting to see how President Obama's new national security team – with Kerry as secretary of state, Chuck Hagel as secretary of defense, and John Brennan at the Central Intelligence Agency – will shape Obama's stance at any talks.

In Washington, some would argue there's a growing consensus, at the level of think tanks, Iran experts, and other analysts, that a preliminary, first-round deal, including "shop, ship, and shut," might work, if in response the P5+1 could lift some of the economic sanctions on Iran and agree to limited Iranian enrichment.

Perhaps the best-case scenario is the possibility that there are ongoing, secret and back-channel talks between Washington and Tehran. Nothing along those lines has leaked and there is no indication of this, yet. But in advance of the first round of Iran-P5+1 talks in Vienna in 2009, the United States and Iran did indeed engage in quiet, behind-the-scenes diplomacy.

In fact, of course, any sanctions relief for Iran will occur slowly and step-by-step, not all at once, in parallel with steps taken by Iran and openness to more intrusive inspections and oversight by the IAEA.

But it's certainly not helpful that in early January yet another round of unilateral sanctions was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. The complex set of new measures targets key industrial sectors, including shipping and imports of products such as aluminum, steel and coal, and seeks to block Iran from using barter commodities such as oil and gold to pay for imports. The Washington Post paraphrased U.S. officials as saying that, “the new policies are closer to a true trade embargo, designed to systematically attack and undercut Iran’s major financial pillars and threaten the country with economic collapse.” Obama signed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that contained the sanctions provisions despite having hinted earlier that he might veto the NDAA over a host of measures contained in the bill.

If the Obama administration believes that ever-tougher sanctions will cause Iran to cave in at the talks, it’s likely that they are badly misreading Iranian politics.

For many observers, however, and for Iran, too, the nomination of Hagel for secretary of defense may be a sign that the White House is beginning to realize that sanctions, and threats of military action, won’t force Iran’s hand.

As has been widely reported, hawks, neoconservatives, and members of the pro-Israel lobby in Washington have slammed Hagel for his past comments and positions on Iran. In conjunction with Israel-friendly members of Congress, they've warned Obama to rein Hagel in so as not to send a dovish signal to Tehran. Robert Satloff, executive direction of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy (WINEP), a pro-Israel think tank, warned bluntly that the White House should act quickly to make sure that Hagel backs away from his previous views on Iran and at least toes the administration's tougher line. "If the White House does not take steps soon to correct that impression, the chances for a negotiated resolution of the Iran nuclear crisis will fall nearly to zero and the likelihood of Israeli military action will rise dramatically," he wrote.

Indeed, within days of his nomination as secretary of defense, Hagel was already backing away from his earlier views, meeting with senior Pentagon officials and influential senators who'll vote on his confirmation to clarify his views on Iran, asserting that he supports broad international sanctions against Iran and that he believes that the military option ought to be "on the table." Several Democratic senators who met with Hagel announced with satisfaction that the former senator from Nebraska had sufficiently backtracked or "clarified" his views on Iran. Consequently, they announced that he had earned their support – and their vote.

Then, during his confirmation hearings on January 31, Hagel – under hostile questioning from several Republican senators – backed away from earlier-held positions on Iran, including the role of sanctions. And, though he previously been a sharp critic of a military attack on Iran, in his opening statement Hagel said: "I am fully committed to the President's goal of preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon, and—as I've said in the past—all options must be on the table to achieve that goal. My policy is one of prevention, and not one of containment—and the President has made clear that is the policy of our government. As Secretary of Defense, I will make sure the Department is prepared for any contingency."

Satloff's views were echoed by another tough-talking official at WINEP, former Ambassador Dennis Ross, a pro-Israel hawk who served as Obama's top adviser on Iran during much of the president's first term. "I think 2013 is going to be decisive," Ross told the Los Angeles Times, expressing concern about Hagel's previous comments. "Time really is running out. For diplomacy to have a chance of success, the Iranians need to understand that if diplomacy fails, force is going to be the result. We still have a challenge to convince the Iranians that we're quite serious about the use of force," he said. "In the first term, the administration didn't always speak with one voice on this issue. So what Hagel says can make a difference."

Despite his poorly receieved performance at his confirmation hearings, it's widely believed in Washington that Hagel will be confirmed as secretary of defense and that his private advice to Obama will more closely hew to his long-held beliefs about the futility of sanctions and the grave downside to a military strike. Partly for that reason, it remains very unlikely that the Obama administration will resort to force to resolve the dispute with Iran. In fact, in remarks that Iranian officials cited as promising, Vice President Joe Biden expressed the administration's willingness to hold bilateral talks with the Iranians. In response to a question at the Munich Security Conference Biden said, "We have made it clear at the outset that…we would be prepared to meet bilaterally with the Iranian leadership" when Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is serious about negotiations. Iran's Foreign Minister, Ali Akbar Salehi responded favorably and said, "I am optimistic, I feel this new administration is really seeking this time to at least divert from its previous traditional approach vis-a-vis my country."

But if Washington remains committed to ever-tougher sanctions – and without promising Iran that sanctions will be lifted as part of a deal – then negotiations are unlikely to succeed. Vali Nasr, another former Obama administration official with expertise on Iran, suggested recently that there's not much more the world can do to sanction Iran, and that such penalties could drive Tehran to take radical action. The regime of sanctions against Iran over its nuclear activity "really has reached its end," Nasr, dean of the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, said during the World Economic Forum in Davos. And he warned that unless there is a diplomatic breakthrough — or, alternatively, an attack on Iran — "you really are looking at a scenario where Iran is going to rush very quickly towards nuclear power, because they also think, like North Korea, that (then) you have much more leverage to get rid of these sanctions."

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Article 7.

The Wall Street Journal

A New U.S. International Economic Strategy

Robert B. Zoellick

February 5, 2013 -- Five years into the global economic storm, America's traditional allies, theEuropean Union and Japan, are struggling. Developing economies are reshaping the global dynamic but also face big challenges. The United States is the one country that could lead the modernization of the international system so as to supply security, economic opportunity, and prospects for liberty. America's own strategy for economic revival cannot be limited to the nation's borders. And its future foreign policy—its projection of power and principle—must be grounded in the emerging economic order.

President Obama has said he admires Ronald Reagan's transformative thinking. If so, he should ask for an assessment of

Reagan's second-term innovations on currency and monetary affairs, trade, debt and development. Reagan advanced a new international system to match the revival of capitalism after the oil shocks and stagflation of the 1970s. America's success in the 1980s contributed both to the end of the Cold War, by persuading the Soviet Union it could not keep up, and to two decades of exceptional global growth.

The new U.S. international economic strategy should have five parts. First, this country should strengthen its continental base by building on the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico. Together, the three partners could boost energy security, improve productivity, and give North Americans an edge in manufacturing and other industries that are already experiencing rising wages in East Asia. A politically acceptable immigration policy, and a push for educational innovation using new technologies and competition, could lead to a more prosperous, populous, integrated and democratic future for the hemisphere.

Second, the extraordinary monetary policies of late, led by the Federal Reserve's continued near-zero interest-rate policy, are taking us into uncharted territory. Central banks have tried most every tool to stimulate growth; if Japan is any warning, the next tactic is competitive devaluation, which risks a new protectionism. "Currency manipulation" could become a danger that reaches far beyond the debate about Chinese policies. The world economy will need at some point to withdraw the drug of cheap money and negative real interest rates. The U.S. should anticipate these dangers.

The International Monetary Fund also could help set standards about exchange-rate policies and serve as a referee that blows a whistle, even if it cannot penalize. The IMF and the World Trade Organization should anticipate this risk and give effect to the existing WTO agreement that economies must "avoid manipulating exchange rates . . . to gain an unfair competitive advantage."

Third, the U.S. needs to break the logjam on opening markets. As the leading world economy, America should initially try to strengthen and increase international trade through the WTO. As my colleagues at the Peterson Institute have pointed out, there are gains from the stymied Doha Round of trade negotiations that should be harvested now: ending agricultural export subsidies; limiting food export controls; eliminating tariffs and quotas for almost all exports of the poorest countries; facilitating customs and clearance procedures; and improving the transparency and speed of the system for settling disputes.

Next, the U.S. needs to keep the WTO current with a vastly changed world economy. The past WTO agreements are valuable for all 158 WTO members. But some economies want to go further by reducing barriers in important sectors such as the services trade, environmental goods and services, government procurement, and the digital economy.

The services trade, for example, is vital for boosting innovation, productivity and jobs in developing and developed countries alike—but regulatory, licensing, zoning and other barriers to services are often equivalent to a 30% tariff or higher. Because liberalization in the WTO has been stuck, countries have turned increasingly to bilateral and multilateral free-trade agreements, some of which have addressed these newer topics. The U.S. should foster the WTO principle of world-wide liberalization by adopting standards in various industries and sectors that would be open to all economies that reciprocate. The WTO also needs new rules for fair trading by state-owned enterprises.

Yet the U.S. also should use free-trade agreements to open markets. Trade competition advances structural reforms and growth without bigger government and more spending. The Obama administration has talked about trans-Pacific and trans-Atlantic accords. Yet it has failed to close even one new free-trade agreement. Ron Kirk, the president's trade representative, said in 2009 that the administration did not have "deal fever." In fact, it has been "deal delinquent."

Fourth, gender equality is not only fair and right—it is smart economics. No economy can reach its potential if it overlooks the talents of half its people. The U.S. should lead in identifying structural barriers in countries that hold back girls' and women's health, education, credit, jobs and entrepreneurship.

Finally, the U.S. needs to match growth priorities of developing economies. President Obama should expand the global food-security initiative he announced in 2009 to boost agricultural productivity and production across the value chain, including through the private sector, in sub-Saharan Africa and other poor regions. Infrastructure investment could increase global demand today while building productivity for tomorrow.

The U.S. can lead a push with middle-income economies to develop public-private infrastructure models that move from "one-offs" to a deal flow. The zero returns for savers from U.S. monetary policy can make infrastructure investments attractive.

In addition to offering financing, the private sector can improve the design, operation and maintenance of infrastructure. As the state of Indiana has shown, the federal government could profitably use public-private partnerships for its infrastructure, too.

The administration has talked about some of these topics. But it is oddly passive, as if it were hesitant to lead. State Department speeches are not enough. To carve out an international economic strategy, the new secretary of the Treasury needs to choreograph policies across all U.S. departments and with multilateral economic institutions. The U.S. had better wake up: International economic strategy is the new foreign policy.

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Open in principle depending on specially how and where it would be shown and how it would be advertised- both subject to particular requirements and/or restrictions.Also dependent on approval of final cut. Would enter project with positive attitude but release would be reworked by lawyer.

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Dear Jeffrey,

My name is Leah Reis-Dennis, and I'll be heading operations for Lisa's new non-profit, Verse Video Education. She's asked me to be in touch with you about helping us get a release from Woody Allen.

First, I wanted to send along the rough stringout of footage from the conversation with Woody a couple of years ago on "This is Just to Say" by William Carlos Williams. This is totally unedited and uncut footage, but we would love the opportunity to turn it into something great.
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/c0bn1jjxeo0654g/uWZ6KBVbLS?preview=WoodyAllen+Basic+Clip+for+Viewing.mov

If Woody Allen agrees to let us use the footage, he will be in distinguished company. To date, we have filmed conversations about poetry with dozens of distinguished Americans including:

Bill Clinton
Al Gore
John McCain
Mayor Rahm Emanuel
Mayor Tom Menino
Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan
Sir Mervyn King
Former Secretary of the Treasury Larry Summers

The conversation would be part of a large multiplatform initiative that Harvard Professor Lisa New has under way to bring poetry into the mainstream, and, especially, into English Language Arts classrooms in the United States and around the world. The initiative, Poetry in America, includes a HarvardX online course, a television series we're creating with WGBH to be paired with PBS LearningMedia segments for the classroom, and, a series of online professional development courses we're creating for ELA Middle and High School teachers and for their students.

Let us know if Woody Allen might be open to our sending another release form his way. Of course, if he's interested in releasing the footage for only certain parts of our project, we're open to having a conversation about that, too.

Thank you, and I hope to meet you soon.

Best, Leah

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Tonight: Red Rooster for Halle Berry, Simon & Schuster party for publication of the new James Bond Novel & the opening of Spiderman w/ an after party at bowlmore.
Wednesday: Self Magazine & Zooey Deschanel Party
Thursday: Worldwide Orphans w/ Amy Poehler

CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS, OPENINGS, AND FUNDRAISERS IN NEW YORK

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

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Benefit Mandarin Oriental New York. New York. Contact: Janice Phillips. (212) 245-6570.
Event address: 80 Columbus Circle, New York. Event web address: www.asasny.org.
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Luncheon Reception, networking and program. Doubletree Guest Suites. New York. Contact: Shannon Harris. (646) 616-0114.
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Tags: Discussion Luncheon Networking Association.
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Event address: 586 LaGuardia Place, New York. Event web address: skirballcenter.nyu.edu/calendar/discoverthegift.
Tags: Premiere Reception Screenings.
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Summerstage Gala 6:00 pm. Cocktails, dinner and concert. "Motown Meets NYC," theme. Tickets from $1,000.00. Central Park-Rumsey Playfield. New York. (212) 360-2756.
Event address: East 72nd St. off Fifth Ave., New York. Event web address: www.summerstage.org/donate_now/gala.html.
Tags: Concert Gala Opening Arts Performing Arts Environmental.
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Greater New York Construction User Counci

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2011 Chairman's Reception 6:00 pm. Cocktails and program. Hosted by Jonathan D. Resnick. Steelcase. New York.
Event address: 4 Columbus Circle, New York. Sponsored by Jack Resnick & Sons, Inc,McGowan Builders, Inc,Turner Construction. Event web address: buildingcongress.com.
Tags: Awards/Awards Shows Association.
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ABWA - Association of Black Women Attorneys

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35th Anniversary Celebration 6:30 pm. Cocktail reception, followed by dinner, awards and dancing. Speaker(s): Kim K.W. Rucker. Chaired by B. Shea Owens. Tickets from $250.00. Chelsea Piers. New York. Contact: Sponsorships:. (888) 933-2442.
Chelsea Piers: Pier Sixty. Event address: 23rd St. at the Hudson River, New York.
Tags: Gala Association.
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UJA-Federation of New York

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Digital Media and Marketing and Communications Dinner Cocktails and program. Business attire. Honoring Tim Armstrong, Jack Haber. The Pierre Hotel. New York. (212) 836-1853.
Event address: 2 East 61st St., New York. Event web address: ujafedny.org.
Tags: Dinner Association.
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Annual Inspiration Gala 7:00 pm. Cocktails, presentations, runway show, dinner, live auction and performances by Liza Minnelli and Jennifer Hudson. “Black Tie, Hot Metal," theme. Honoring James Franco,Michael Kors. Chaired by Klaus Bisenbach, Larry Boland,R. Martin Chavez, Ph.D, Paolo Diacci,Adam Norbury. MoMA - Museum of Modern Art. New York. Contact: Wilson Alexander Aguilar.
Event address: 11 West 53rd Street, New York. Sponsored by Grey Goose,Piaget,Reca Group,Wilhelmina Models. Event web address: www.amfar.org/spotlight/event.aspx?id=9522.
Tags: Gala Health AIDS.
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GenArt

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Film Festival Closing Night 7:30 pm. Screenings of "Hot Dogs & Hand Grenades," by Justin Corsbie and "Salvation Boulevard," by George Ratliff, followed by after-party and awards presentation at Hiro (88 9th Ave). Visual Arts Theater. New York.
Event address: 333 West 23rd Street, New York. Event web address: genart.org.
Tags: After party Awards/Awards Shows Screenings Arts Film Arts Visual Arts.
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Making Books Sing

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Fundraiser 7:30 pm. Beer, brewery tours and light fare. Hosted by Cat Greenleaf, Talib Kweli. Tickets from $15.00. Brooklyn Brewery. Brooklyn. Contact: Kimberly Wilson Marshall.
Event address: 79 North 11th St., Brooklyn. Event web address: makingbookssing.org.
Tags: Fundraiser Education K-12.
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Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Sunrise: 5:25 am Sunset 8:27 pm Moon:
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NYSAE-New York Society of Association Executives

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Installation of Officers & Directors Luncheon 11:30 am. Reception and program. Speaker(s): Dr. Jerry V. Teplitz. Tickets from $65.00. Doubletree Metropolitan Hotel. New York. (212) 206-8230.
Event address: 569 Lexington Ave., New York. Event web address: www.nysaenet.org.
Tags: Luncheon Association.
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Women's Forum of New York

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Inaugural Elly Awards 11:30 am. Lunch and program. Hon. chairs: Lucy Jarvis and Muriel Siebert. Hosted by Janice Reals Ellig. Speaker(s): Bobbi Brown,Barbara Walters. Honoring Evelyn H. Lauder,Diana Taylor. Chaired by Jane Chesnutt,Denise Seegal. Co-chaired by Beth Canavan,Lisa Caputo,Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel. Tickets from $300.00. Tables from $5,000.00. The Plaza Hotel. New York. Contact: Rita Crotty. (212) 447-9107.
Event address: 770 Fifth Ave, New York. Event web address: www.womensforumny.org.
Tags: Awards/Awards Shows Fundraiser Luncheon Education Adult.
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Hike for Heroes

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Reception Ceremony. Business casual attire. Chaired by Mitchell B. Modell. Tickets from $140.00. Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers. New York. Contact: Lindsay Carlton. (212) 966-7900.
Event address: 811 Seventh Ave., New York. Sponsored by Modell's Sporting Goods. Event web address: www.wishuponahero.com/hike-for-heroes/cocktail-party.
Tags: Reception Civic Family/Social Services.
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UJA-Federation of New York

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Annual Trust & Estates Event 6:00 pm. Cocktail reception, followed by program and dessert. Business attire. Honoring Ronald J. Stein. Tickets from $650.00. Hilton New York. New York. Contact: Meredith Waltzer. (212) 836-1218.
Event address: 1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York. Event web address: ujafedny.org.

Tags: Cocktail party Association.
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UJA-Federation of New York

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General Insurance Dinner Business attire. Honoring Kevin Kelley, Stephen P. McGill. Chaired by Joseph Boren. Grand Hyatt New York. New York. Contact: Loni Kraut. (212) 836-1769.
Event address: Park Ave. at Grand Central Terminal, New York. Event web address: ujafedny.org.
Tags: Awards/Awards Shows Dinner Association.
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UNICEF-United Nations Children's Fund

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Next Gen Photo Benefit 6:30 pm. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and silent auction. Tickets from $40.00. Phillips de Pury.
Event address: 450 Park Avenue,. Event web address: www.unicefusa.org/about/special-events/nextgen/photo-exhibit.html.
Tags: Auction Cocktail party Child Advocacy.
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RIOULT Dance Company

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Gala 7:00 pm. Performance and dinner. Honoring Robert Cole,Harsha Murthy. Tickets from $350.00. Joyce Theater. New York.
Event address: 175 Eighth Ave., New York.
Tags: Benefit Performance Gala Arts Performing Arts.
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Thursday, June 16, 2011

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New York Building Congress

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Reception for Speaker Christine C. Quin 8:00 am. Breakfast. Hosted by Richard Anderson, Joseph Mizzi,Frank J. Sciame. Tickets from $500.00. Sciame Organizations. New York. Contact: Ånne Mullaly Weir. (917) 438-7063.
Event address: 14 Wall Street, New York. Event web address: newyorkbuildingcongress.com.
Tags: Breakfast Speakers Fundraiser Association Politics Democratic.
EXPAND

UJA-Federation of New York

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Music Visionary Luncheon Reception and program. Honoring Jody Gerson, Jon Platt. The Pierre Hotel. New York. Contact: Steven Singer. (212) 836-1452.
Event address: 2 East 61st St., New York. Event web address: ujafedny.org.
Tags: Luncheon Association.
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Jewish Enrichment Center

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2011 Grand Reception 5:30 pm. VIP reception, cocktails, dinner and presentation. Speaker(s): President George H.W. Bush. Honoring Craig A. Rothfeld,Stephen Siegel, Ari J. Storch. Gotham Hall. New York. (212) 889-5532.
Event address: 1356 Broadway, New York. Event web address: jeconline.com/dinner.
Tags: Fundraiser Reception Faith Jewish.

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Professional Women In Construction

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Networking Event 5:30 pm. Cocktails and dinner. Speaker(s): Michele Medaglia. Tickets from $80.00. Club 101. New York.
Event address: 101 Park Ave., New York. Event web address: pwcusa.org.
Tags: Dinner Discussion Networking Association.
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Asian American Business Development Center

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Tenth Anniversary Outstanding 50 Award Gala 6:00 pm. Cocktails, dinner and program. Co-chaired by Shaokao Cheng,Miguel Centeno,Joyce Chang,Renaud Dutreil,Edward Goldberg, Jim Hirani, Allan Huy, Peter Hwang, Eugene Kelly, Catherine Lee, Walter Shay. Waldorf=Astoria. New York. (212) 966-0100.
Event address: 301 Park Avenue, New York. Event web address: www.outstanding50award.com.
Tags: Awards/Awards Shows Dinner Gala Association Economic Development.
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Songwriter's Hall of Fame

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42nd Annual Dinner and 2011 Induction Ceremony 6:00 pm. Cocktails and awards presentation. New York Marriott Marquis. New York. (914) 579-1000.
Event address: 1535 Broadway, New York.
Tags: Awards/Awards Shows Dinner Arts Performing Arts.
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Voices Against Brain Cancer

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Sixth Annual Sounding Off for a Cure Concert 6:00 pm. Performances. Hammerstein Ballroom. New York City.
Event address: 311 West 34th Street, New York City.
Tags: Concert Fundraiser Health Cancer.
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Catholic Charities - Archdiocese of New York

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Third Annual Junior Board Gala Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, gaming, and entertainment. “Casino Night," theme. Cocktail attire. Chaired by Stephanie Bagley,Timothy Spelman. Co-chaired by Sean Gorman,Christine Keith. Tickets from $125.00. Buy Tickets. Providence. New York. Contact: Kathleen McGowan. (646) 794-2439.
Event address: 311 West 57th St., New York. Fax: (212) 755-1526. Event web address: www.catholiccharitiesny.org/get-involved/junior-board/.
Tags: Cocktail party Fundraiser Association Faith Christian.
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Fort Tryon Park Trust

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Sunset on the Hudson 6:30 pm. Cocktails at the New Leaf Café, followed by dinner on the David Rockefeller Linden Terrace. Festive attire. Honoring Bette Midler,New York Restoration Project. Chaired by Edith Kean. Tables from $10,000.00. Fort Tryon Park. Contact: Jennifer Hoppa. (212) 795-1388.
Event address: Northern Manhattan,. Event web address: www.forttryonparktrust.org/sunset_on_the_hudson_gala.html.
Tags: Cocktail party Dinner Fundraiser Environmental.
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Make-A-Wish Foundation of Metro NY

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Annual Gala "An Evening of Wishes" Cocktails, dinner and program. Business Attire. Honoring Michael Delaney,James B. Lee, Jr. Co-chaired by Frank Bisignano,Thomas A. Roberts. Cipriani Wall Street. New York. Contact: Amy Epstein. (212) 957-9474.
Event address: 55 Wall St., New York. Event web address: metrony.wish.org.
Tags: Gala Health Cancer Health Pediatrics.
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Persol

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Magnificent Obsessions: 30 Stories of Craftsmanship in Film Exhibition opening. Invitation only. Honoring Milena Canonero,Terry Gilliam,Sir Ben Kingsley. Center 548. New York. Contact: Gina Sevilla. (646) 654-3448.
Event address: 548 West 22nd Street, New York.
Tags: Exhibition Opening.
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Wounded Warriors Family Support Initiative

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Special Event 6:30 pm. Cocktails and entertainment, with special performance by The Roots. Speaker(s): Captain Paul Bud Bucha. Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum. New York.
Event address: 1 Intrepid Square, Pier 86, 46th St. at 12th Ave., New York. Event web address: woundedwarriorsinitiative.com/event.php#roots.
Tags: Fundraiser Civic.
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Worldwide Orphans Foundation

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Matt Blesso's Third Annual Birthday Celebration 7:00 pm. Cocktails. Hosted by Dr. Jane Aronson,Amy Poehler. Tickets from $75.00. Private Location.
Event web address: www.wwo.org.
Tags: Cocktail party Fundraiser Child Advocacy.
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Actors Fund

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Benefit Performance 8:00 pm. "Zarkana, Cirque du Soleil". Tickets from $125.00. Radio City Music Hall. New York. Contact: Stephen Joseph. (212) 221-7300.
Event address: 1260 Ave. of the Americas, New York. Event web address: actorsfund.org.
Tags: Benefit Performance Rally/March Arts Performing Arts.
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Action Against Hunger

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Spanish Wine Festival 6:30 pm. Culinary and wine tastings. Hosted by PJ Wine. Metropolitan Pavilion. New York. (212) 967-7800.
Event address: 125 West 18th St., New York. Event web address: www.actionagainsthunger.org.
Tags: Tasting Wine Tasting Social Services Food Banks.
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New York Child Learning Institute / Phoenix Center Inc

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2011 Annual Black Tie Affair & Auction Cocktails, dinner and program. Black tie attire. Invitation only. Hosted by Knights of York. Honoring Dr. Joan Fallon,Bob Hurley, Carol Laurenzano,Jim Watkins,Lauren Thierry Watkins. Chaired by Declan Connolly. Co-chaired by Thomas J. Petersen. Tickets from $275.00. United Nations Delegates Dining Room. New York. Contact: Aimee Demilia Newsham. (201) 485-8520.

Event address: United Nations Building, First Ave. at 45th St., New York. Fax: (201) 485-8523. Event web address: www.knightsofyork.org.

Tags: Auction Gala Association Education K-12.

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From: Richard Kahn [redacted]
Sent: 1/26/2017 2:16:35 PM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Trump

Importance: High

love his negotiating style as he makes me look soft..

President Donald Trump threatened Thursday to cancel a meeting with Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto after Pena Nieto reiterated that Mexico would not pay for a border wall and suggested he could cancel the meeting.

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The U.S. has a 60 billion dollar trade deficit with Mexico. It has been a one-sided deal from the beginning of NAFTA with massive numbers...

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of jobs and companies lost. If Mexico is unwilling to pay for the badly needed wall, then it would be better to cancel the upcoming meeting.

From: Sultan Bin Sulayem[redacted]
Sent: 9/18/2015 5:26:12 AM
To: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Fareed Zakaria: Trump sells America short

Importance: High

Fareed Zakaria: Trump sells America short

Dear Donald Trump: China, Japan and Mexico are not "killing us"

By Fareed Zakaria, Thursday, September 17, 2015

Donald Trump's presidential bid is centered on the promise of his personal talents. He says he's the "most successful person ever to run for the presidency, by far." (George Washington and Dwight Eisenhower, sit down!) But if there is an idea animating his candidacy, it is that the United States is being badly beaten by its economic competitors. In his speech on foreign policy this week, Trump explained that America is being bested by countries such as China, Japan and Mexico because their leaders are "smarter, more cunning and sharper than our leaders." "They're killing us," he often says.

This is an odd moment to make these charges because the reality is almost entirely the opposite. The United States is more dominant on the global economic landscape than at any point since the heyday of Bill Clinton's presidency — perhaps even more so.

Last quarter, the U.S. economy grew at a 3.7 percent clip. Annual growth now is almost twice that of Europe and four times that of Japan. Unemployment is at 5.1 percent, the lowest in seven years. The deficit as a percentage of gross domestic product (2.8 percent in 2014) is at its lowest since 2007.

"The U.S. has come out of the 2008 crisis better than all the others," says Ruchir Sharma, head of global macro investing at Morgan Stanley. "Americans have reduced their debt burden more than the Europeans, while China's debt has skyrocketed to extremely dangerous levels. If you look outside of China, U.S. growth is actually faster even than the emerging markets. Since the 2008 crisis, U.S. equity markets have outperformed all others — in fact 9 out of the 10 most valuable companies in the world are now American. The dollar is the currency of choice. Global growth is not what it used to be, but in a bad neighborhood, the U.S. has the best house by far." Sharma points out that for the past four years, the United States' share of global GDP has increased while Europe's and Japan's have moved down.

When I was in Europe last week, businessmen there were concerned with what they saw as a new level of U.S. dominance in everything from technology to entertainment to finance. Consider America's big banks. They were at the epicenter of the financial crisis and were badly battered by it. Since then, bankers have complained that they've faced uncertainty about government policies, overzealous regulators trying to compensate for their laxness before the crisis and the unwieldy burdens of the Dodd-Frank law.

Well, U.S. banks today are more dominant than ever. The Wall Street Journal notes that in the past five years, JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley have increased in value by $254.6 billion. In the same period, their European competitors, Barclays, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, UBS and Royal Bank of Scotland added just $9.5 billion. In July, Barclays Chairman John McFarlane was asked if America's banks were eating European lenders' lunch. He replied: "They are doing a good job of it." He added that the U.S. banks "are the only ones that really claim to be global and successful."

To compare the United States' performance and leadership to Mexico's, Japan's and China's is particularly ill-timed. Trump might be stuck in a 1980s time warp on Japan. When his "The Art of the Deal" was published in 1987, Americans were envious of Japan's brilliant leaders, who were said to be outsmarting the United States at every turn. Since then, Japan has become the poster child for economic stagnation and political paralysis. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has been unwilling or unable to get his promised reforms enacted, and the country's economy continues to shrink.

Mexico is watching its growth collapse. While its president, Enrique Peña Nieto, is a courageous and intelligent leader who has made some very bold decisions, he has also made some significant missteps. Most important, the country was ill-prepared for plunging oil prices that have battered government revenues and growth.

China has had three decades of supercharged growth and competent government policy. But in the past few years, Beijing went on a borrowing binge, running up its total debt to levels that are unprecedented, according to Sharma. And in the past two months it has made mistakes in managing both its equity markets and currency — mistakes that have cost $400 billion, the Financial Times reports.

Of course, the United States has problems that are worrying, such as wage stagnation and low labor-force participation. But the important comparison is not to some ideal fantasy of what America might be but to other countries in the real world. And the facts show, Mr. Trump, we're killing *them* .

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Sent: 5/22/2017 8:39:37 PM
To: jeevacation@gmail.com
Subject: Fw: WaPo story-- Trump's outside counsel

Importance: High

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Parker, Ashley <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 3:19 PM
To: Weingarten, Reid
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Thanks,
Ashley

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Do I have the choice? And if so, your view?

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do you want it? or jared?

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Subject: dave hope
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From: "Hope, Doug" <[redacted]>
To: Dave Hope <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 8:42 AM
Subject: Small World

Dave,

Talk about a small world. I got on the airplane Saturday night and opened up the Palm Beach newspaper and here's what I found (see attached). Remember "Bear", Warren's friend from NY. Well, he is a Billionaire (Literally and really) and always seems to be in the news in South Florida. He competes with Trump on big property deals and seems to be quite the womanizer. The only problem is he goes after some of the young ones sometimes and must not check there ID's.

Oh well, I thought you might get a kick out of this article. What a small world.

Take good care!!

Doug

From: Darren Indyke [redacted]
Sent: 3/2/2019 4:56:48 PM
To: Martin Weinberg [redacted]
CC: Darren Indyke [redacted]; jeevacation@gmail.com
Subject: Epstein paid three women $5.5 million to end underage-sex lawsuits

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Epstein paid three women $5.5 million to end underage-sex lawsuits

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Jeffrey Epstein, a former Palm Beach resident, pleaded guilty in Palm Beach County Circuit Court in 2008 to two prostitution-related charges in connection with having teenage girls give him sexual massages. (Uma Sanghvi / The Palm Beach Post)

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Ending years of speculation about how much Palm Beach billionaire Jeffrey Epstein paid young women who claimed he used them as sex toys, court documents filed last week show he shelled out $5.5 million to settle lawsuits with three of more than two dozen teens who sued him.

Responding to requests from Epstein's attorneys in a complex lawsuit that was spawned by the sex scandal, attorney Bradley Edwards said the politically-connected 64-year-old convicted sex offender paid more than $1 million to each of the three women Edwards represented.

Identified in court papers only by their initials or pseudonyms because of the nature of the allegations and their youthful ages, L.M. was paid $1 million, E.W. $2 million and Jane Doe $2.5 million, Edwards said of the settlements he negotiated with Epstein to end the lawsuits.

Jack Goldberger, one of Epstein's criminal defense attorneys, on Tuesday declined comment on the revelations, citing confidentiality agreements that were part of the settlements. For the same reason, he declined to say whether Epstein paid similar amounts to settle roughly two dozen lawsuits filed by other young women against Epstein, claiming he paid them for sex when some were as young as 14 years old.

Attorney Jack Scarola, who is representing Edwards, said his client was compelled to divulge the confidential settlements to answer questions posed by Epstein's attorneys. "Brilliant move on their part," he said.

Even if Epstein's attorneys hadn't opened the door, Scarola said the information would have likely come out. He says the information will help him undermine Epstein's claims that Edwards "ginned up" the allegations to help his former law partner, imprisoned and disbarred Fort Lauderdale lawyer Scott Rothstein, perpetuate a $1.2 billion Ponzi scheme.

The revelations of the settlements came as part of an ongoing lawsuit that started as a dispute between Epstein and Rothstein, both billionaires.

A year after Epstein in 2008 pleaded guilty to solicitation of prostitution and procuring a minor for prostitution, he sued Rothstein and Edwards, claiming they trumped up the allegations of sexual molestation to perpetuate the Ponzi scheme.

Rothstein was sentenced to 50 years in prison in 2010 after admitting he had built his wildly successful law firm by forging the names of federal judges and others to persuade investors he had negotiated settlements in lawsuits against high-profile people. Investors were told they could get a cut of the cash.

One of the high-profile people Rothstein used to lure investors was Epstein, according to a lawsuit West Palm Beach attorney Robert Critton filed on Epstein's behalf. According to the lawsuit, Rothstein told investors Epstein, a money manager, had agreed to settle the lawsuits with the teens for $200 million — a claim Critton described as "a complete fabrication."

After Epstein dropped the lawsuit in 2012, Edwards turned the tables on him. Edwards accused Epstein of filing the lawsuit maliciously to punish him for representing the young women. Although Edwards was a partner in Rothstein's now defunct firm, Scarola claims Epstein had no evidence Edwards was involved in the Ponzi scheme. Federal prosecutors successfully charged other attorneys and members of the firm, but Edwards was never implicated, Scarola said in the malicious prosecution lawsuit.

The revelations about the money Epstein paid to three of the young woman came last week in documents filed for a hearing Tuesday in preparation for a December trial on the lawsuit.

Attorney Tonja Haddad Coleman, who represents Epstein, on Tuesday sought a delay of the trial, in part, because she claimed she has been unable to talk to her client since his estate on his private island in the U.S. Virgin Islands was devastated last month by Hurricane Irma. "I've had no ability to communicate with Mr. Epstein," she said.

Pointing out Epstein's enormous wealth and his private jet, Palm Beach County Circuit Judge Donald Hafele rejected her request. While saying he didn't want to appear insensitive to those victimized by the storm that hammered the Caribbean and roared through South Florida, he said Coleman offered no proof, such as an affidavit from Epstein, to shore up her claims.

Still, Hafele gave Coleman extra time to respond to various motions that he will have to decide before the case goes to trial.

Despite Scarola's insistence that Edwards had nothing to do with Rothstein's Ponzi scheme, Coleman said the evidence indicates otherwise. Why else would he try to depose Epstein's well-known friends, such as now President Donald Trump, former President Bill Clinton and illusionist David Copperfield, she asked. He used the celebrities as a draw, she said.

"The Epstein cases were used to fleece money and defraud investors," she said.

Edward's malicious prosecution case has been difficult for both sides because both Epstein and Edwards have refused to answer questions. As he did in the civil lawsuits, Epstein has invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination when questioned by Scarola. Edwards has claimed that much of the information Epstein is seeking is protected by attorney-client privilege.

The malicious prosecution lawsuit is one of two hotly-contested lawsuits that continue to pit Edwards against Epstein. Edwards also is suing the U.S. attorney's office, claiming it violated the federal Crime Victims Rights Act when it negotiated a non-prosecution agreement with Epstein.

Only after federal prosecutors agreed to drop their investigation of Epstein, did he agree to plead guilty to two prostitution charges in Palm Beach County Circuit Court. In federal court records, prosecutors claim one of the key reasons they agreed to drop their case was Epstein's agreement to settle lawsuits filed against him by dozens of his underage victims.

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NEAR TEHRAN, Shehrzad Bolandkish, an IT worker, left, and her new husband, Sarmad Kodeiri, dance at their Western-inspired wedding party. "We represent the change in society," Kodeiri says.

YOUNG IRANIANS PUSH BOUNDARIES

Rebelling with fashion, pets, even Deepak Chopra

BY SHASHANK BENGALI AND RAMIN MOSTAGHIM

TEHRAN — The groom wore a navy blue tuxedo, the bride a custom-made gown with a fish-scale pattern inspired by pictures she found on Instagram.

Waiters passed around French tarts as guests crowded a dance floor pulsating under strobe lights. When the DJ played "Gangnam Style," a cheer went up from the young women in tight dresses, salon-styled hair falling down their bare shoulders.

The wedding reception was like so many — except that it took place in Tehran, the capital of an Islamic republic whose ruling clerics take a dim view of such displays of skin and secular, Western-oriented tastes.

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From: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 8/11/2009 7:00:57 PM
To: Jessica Cadwell [redacted]
Subject: Re: FW: Jane Doe

Privileged - Redacted

On Tue, Aug 11, 2009 at 2:55 PM, Jessica Cadwell <[redacted]> wrote:

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Do you have service on Maxwell or still trying to subpoena her??

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Please notice the deposition of Ms. Maxwell has been rescheduled from 8/17 to 9/23. A re-Notice of Taking Deposition will follow. Mr. Trump's deposition is scheduled for August 18, 2009.

From: Jessica Cadwell [mailto[redacted]]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2009 3:31 PM
To: Jacquie Johnson
Subject: RE: Jane Doe

No not likely. They just filed an emergency protective order

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From: Jacquie Johnson [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2009 3:18 PM
To: Jessica Cadwell
Subject: RE: Jane Doe

Jessica – is the depo of [redacted] going forward on Friday

From: Jessica Cadwell [mailto[redacted]]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2009 12:10 PM
To: Jacquie Johnson
Subject: RE: Jane Doe

I didnt forget about this…

Still working on it.

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From: Jacquie Johnson [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 10:47 AM
To: Jessica Cadwell
Subject: RE: Jane Doe

Jessica – I need a date for the deposition of Mr. Epstein. Can you provide me with one please?

From: Jessica Cadwell [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2009 10:20 AM
To: Jacquie Johnson
Subject: RE: Jane Doe

Great thank you. Do you have your Stays signed yet?

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Sent: 1/8/2015 1:26:40 AM
To: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Fwd: idea for jefferey e.

Not terrible idea.

Sent from my iPhone

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[Thanks to Steven Pinker for suggesting this year's EDGE Question and to Daniel Kahneman for advice on its presentation.]

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1944-2010

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From: PETER MANDELSON [redacted]
Sent: 1/22/2011 3:00:54 PM
To: jeevacation@gmail.com
Subject: This is business develpt to diagnose illness

Importance: High

On 16 November 2010 18:34, Michael Greenberg <[redacted]> wrote:

> Ben and Lord Mandelson:
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> My late reply does no justice to my enthusiasm to follow up on our previous call and to your interest in the same. Apologies.
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> A word of explanation about the past two weeks:
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> - Financing:
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>   Am in the midst of a $8-10 mn financing
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>   In past two weeks have met potential investors in Toronto, Vancouver, DC, NYC, and Boston.
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>   Have in this time already closed approximately $2 mn, which is encouraging
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>   This pace will continue for another month or so until the financing is fully closed.
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> - US DoD:
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>   Last week several of us took our prototype device to be demonstrated for the US military's Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR).
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>   At the conclusion of a four-hour session our host, Colonel Colin Ohrt, MD, who is in charge of the relevant WRAIR program, called our device a game-changer. He would like to pilot our device in Tanzania, Cambodia, Kenya, and Thailand. Follow up is being arranged.
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>   Colonel Ohrt also separately evaluated our white paper on malaria elimination and expressed strong interest in also pursuing this project with Fio.
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>   Accompanying Fio for these meetings was General Richard Tubb, MD (retired last year from the US Air Force). Dick was Chief of the White House Medical Unit and physician to Presidents Clinton and Bush.
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> - USAID
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>   Also last week we successfully demonstrated our device for USAID and the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI). Follow up is being arranged.
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>   Accompanying Fio for these meetings was Andrew Natsios, former head of USAID.
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> For all the foregoing meetings our prototype device performed well. Exciting times.
>
> My trip to London has yet to be arranged and is dependent on financing events. In the meantime, I will happily travel to meet you in NYC.
>
> Attached is the White Paper on Malaria Elimination which Fio had written and invited several academic partners to join. Since the time the document was first drafted, we discovered an even simpler technical strategy based on our new prototype device and reinforced by our recent discussion with WRAIR. This simplification would result in field trials as early as next year, which is much sooner than in the attached White Paper. To accomplish this we would team up with WRAIR rather than some of the current academic partners in the paper.
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> Best regards and wishes,

Michael

PS: Ben, any emails I've sent to Lord Mandelson always bounced back. Clearly I don't have the correct email address. Kindly forward this note to Lord Mandelson and forward his correct email address to me. Thanks.

Michael M Greenberg

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From [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Benjamin Wegg-Prosser
Sent: November-08-10 10:08 AM
To: Michael Greenberg
Cc: Shlomit Dekel

Subject: Re: GoToMeeting Invitation - Meet Now

Hi Michael

Just wondered if you had an update on things, we are keen to hear more.

Best

Ben

On 27 October 2010 06:54, Michael Greenberg <[redacted]> wrote:

It was great to speak with you both. Am eager to follow up on all fronts mentioned. In transit since we spoke - will reply more fully tomorrow.
Best wishes,
Michael

From: [redacted]
To: Michael Greenberg
Cc: [redacted]
Sent: Mon Oct 25 10:35:12 2010
Subject: Re: GoToMeeting Invitation - Meet Now

Michael,

Thanks for your time on Friday, it was great to hear more about FIO, we are keen to hear more.

In terms of follow up
- we look forward to receiving the White Paper that you mentioned.
- we will consider opportunities in Russia, principally via Rusnano, who we are in discussions with http://www.rusnano.com/Home.aspx?dummy=634236281106041875
- you asked about Onexim, this is the principal investment vehicle for Prokhorov (think New Jersey Nets). He's reckoned to be the wealthiest man in Russia post-crisis. He is investing more in nanotech and green energy projects.

- London meeting - please let us know dates when you might be coming through Europe.
- NY meeting - we will update when we know more about plans to come to New York as we could also aim to meet there.

Let's keep in touch and see where we get.

Best
Ben

On 22 October 2010 20:08, Michael Greenberg <[redacted]> wrote:

Hello:

If you would kindly click to this URL: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/join/526754137

and follow the instructions, you will be able to view my laptop screen, on which I will be able to show you our corporate presentation.

Sincerely,

Michael Greenberg

CEO, Fio Corporation

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About Diana DeGette

Chief Deputy Whip Diana DeGette is a 8th term member of Congress, representing Colorado's 1st Congressional district. In her eight terms serving the Denver metro region, Diana has established herself as a leader for progressive change on health care, reproductive rights, food safety, consumer protection and the environment.

DeGette is the most senior legislator in Colorado's House delegation, and in the 111th Congress she held a large amount of power as the House Democratic chief deputy whip and the vice chair of the influential House Energy and Commerce Committee.

With the Republicans taking control of the House in 2010, DeGette lost her vice chair position, but she is still a chief deputy whip and the ranking member of the Energy and Commerce Committee's subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

In January, 2011, Rep. DeGette was elected the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

DeGette is best known for championing increased federal funding for stem-cell research. In 2006, the congresswoman pushed President George W. Bush to issue the very first veto of his presidency when she teamed up with then-Rep. Mike Castle (R-Del.) to pass the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act through a GOP-controlled Congress.

In summer 2008, DeGette published "Sex, Science, and Stem Cells: Inside the Right Assault on Reason," a book that condemns the politicization of science and argues that legislation on issues like abortion, birth control and funding for education programs should be based on science rather than religion. "Too many of our elected officials are simply incapable of thinking rationally about sex," she writes.

Diana is married to attorney Lino Lipinsky. They have two daughters and a dog.

Health care

Diana believes that it is critical that all Americans have access to the health care they need. Diana has led the way for health care reform in Congress and played a central role in expanding coverage for low-income children and families.

Diana is a leading voice on health care reform in Congress. Her efforts were critical to the passage of a health reform bill earlier this year that will expand access to health care to millions of Americans and lower costs for those that previously enjoyed coverage. In particular, she was the leader of a broad coalition of representatives that were successful in resisting efforts to limit a woman's right to choose under the new legislation. Diana's top health care reform initiatives include access to high quality, affordable care for all children, prevention and wellness, strengthening the health care workforce, and expanding primary care and community health center services.

Diana has led efforts to expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), which provides health insurance to low-income children up to age 18. In the 111th Congress, Diana was a leader in the expansion of SCHIP that was signed into law by President Obama in February of 2009.

Stem Cell Research

U.S. Rep. DeGette was the chief architect of legislation to expand stem cell research, which was passed twice with broad, bipartisan support in Congress. The measure was vetoed twice by President George W. Bush – including his very first presidential veto. In March of 2009, President Barack Obama signed an executive order reversing former President Bush's restrictions on embryonic stem cell research. Standing next to the President as he signed the order, U.S. Rep. DeGette is working with the Obama Administration on codifying the order into law. In March 2010, Diana introduced bipartisan stem cell research legislation that would do just that. The Stem Cell Research Advancement Act would ensure a lasting ethical framework overseeing stem cell research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and will provide stability to the scientists and individuals who are on the quest for live-saving cures.

Reproductive rights

As the co-chair of the Congressional Pro-Choice Caucus, Diana has fought for common-sense family planning and reproductive rights. She is a lead sponsor of the Prevention First agenda, which is a comprehensive, bi-partisan approach to reducing unintended pregnancies and the need for abortion. Most recently, Diana led the fight against the Stupak-Pitts Amendment – a dangerous restriction on women's reproductive rights.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 1/20/2014 4:26:13 PM
To: jeff epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re: Happy bertday

Importance: High

Hah! I completely forgot he always had that complex as a kid. Now its cool to be a mixed breed.
Trump has a gd pool. Swimming laps now 5/6 days/wk. Staying in good shape.
Why don't you do a boxing/workout session with philip sometime at mendez gym in mid town. He's into boxing with the spics.
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, 20 Jan 2014 12:20:45 -0400
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Happy bertday

The black part?

On Monday, January 20, 2014, <[redacted]> wrote:

> I know. When warren goes, a part of us goes too. No BS in that.
> Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T
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> **From:** Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>
> **Date:** Mon, 20 Jan 2014 12:12:29 -0400
> **To:** [redacted]
> **Subject:** Re: Happy bertday
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> On Monday, January 20, 2014, <[redacted]> wrote:
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>> Jeff: have a great day on the island (or PB?). Getting to together with Dr Frog tonight.
>> Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T
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THE POWER OF NOTHING

Could studying the placebo effect change the way we think about medicine?

BY MICHAEL SPECTER

Scientists are now seriously investigating—and debating—our response to sugar pills.

ANDERS WENNGREN

For years, Ted Kaptchuk performed acupuncture at a tiny clinic in Cambridge, a few miles from his current office, at the Harvard Medical School. He opened for business in 1976, on a street so packed with alternative healers that it was commonly referred to as "quack row." Kaptchuk had just returned from Asia, where, as an exiled alumnus of the turbulent sixties, he had spent four years honing his craft. "There were lots of alternatives on that street in those days, but no practitioners of Chinese medicine," Kaptchuk, who is sixty-four and still lives in the neighborhood, told me recently as we sipped (Chinese) tea in the study of his house. "The area is a little too L. L. Bean for my taste now," he said. "It was a different place then."

Not long after Kaptchuk arrived in Boston, he treated an Armenian woman for chronic bronchitis. A few weeks later, she showed up in his office with her husband, who had a Persian rug slung over his shoulder. He nodded to Kaptchuk and said, "This is for you." Kaptchuk accepted the rug, which he still owns, but had no idea what he had done to earn it. "Oh, doctor, you have been so wonderful," the woman told him. "You cured me. I was about to have an operation on my ovaries and the pain went away the day you saw me." Kaptchuk never spoke to the woman again, but he has been unable to get her out of his mind. "There was no fucking way needles or herbs did anything for that woman's ovaries," he told me, still looking mystified, thirty-five years later. "It had to be some kind of placebo, but I had never given the idea of a placebo effect much attention. I had great respect for shamans—and I still do. I have always believed there is an important component of medicine that involves suggestion, ritual, and belief—all ideas that make scientists scream. Still, I asked myself, Could I have cured her? How? I mean, what could possibly have been the mechanism?"

At the time, few serious scientists would have entertained such questions, let alone allowed words like "ritual" and "belief" to seep into a conversation about medicine. Placebos had a bad name, which is not surprising, since they have been used primarily to deceive people. In clinical trials, if a drug and a sugar pill produce similar results, the drug has generally been considered worthless. But the definition of medical treatment is changing, and so are attitudes about placebos. This year, Harvard created an institute dedicated wholly to their study, the Program in Placebo Studies and the Therapeutic Encounter. It is based at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Kaptchuk was named its director. He has already recruited leading researchers from around the world, in disciplines as diverse as neuroanatomy and semiotics. The program was formed to explore an idea that even twenty years ago would have seemed preposterous: that placebos—given deliberately—might be deployed in clinical practice. As medicine.

Kaptchuk has no shortage of critics. They acknowledge the power of the mind to influence health but question the rigor of studies suggesting that placebos could possibly prove as valuable as drugs. Indeed, the idea of dispensing sugar pills is jarring even to those who, like Kaptchuk, are enthusiastic about it. After all, placebos have almost always been defined as exactly what medicine is not. "I realized long ago that at least some people respond even to the suggestion of treatment," Kaptchuk said. "We know that. We have for centuries. But unless we figured out how that process worked, and unless we did it with data that other researchers would consider valid, nobody would pay attention to a word we said."

The research has been propelled in large measure by the emerging discipline of neuroimaging—which, like a live satellite feed from inside the human body, permits scientists to track precisely how a person reacts to a drug (or a placebo) as soon as he takes it. An injection of saline, for example, that has been described as a drug not only will reduce symptoms of Parkinson's disease but can help a patient produce more of the dopamine that the disease destroys. Results like those have provided scientists with chemical evidence of something they had long suspected: simply believing in a treatment can be as effective as the treatment itself. In several recent studies, placebos have performed as well as drugs that Americans spend millions of dollars on each year.

Transforming interesting laboratory findings into medicine is never simple, however, particularly when those findings involve fake pills and sham injections. Some people clearly respond better to placebos than others, though we don't know why; some illnesses and afflictions are more amenable to suggestion than others; and many of the most intriguing findings are tenuous. Even so, the recent research is difficult to dismiss. Through conditioning techniques, for example, our brain can "learn" different kinds of placebo effects: people first given morphine and then a placebo have one neurochemical response, while people who take ibuprofen followed by a placebo have another. Different "doses" cause different reactions, and studies have demonstrated that people who suffer from headaches and consume aspirin regularly can associate the shape, the color, and even the taste of a pill with a decrease in pain. The value of treatments like those—which have none of the side effects of drugs—would be immense, but placebos are not pharmaceuticals, and no reputable researcher has suggested that they will soon be for sale at your local pharmacy.

Kaptchuk acknowledges that placebos are not magic potions. "Placebos don't shrink tumors," he said. "They don't make blind people see. If you are paralyzed, they won't help you walk." He deplores the grandiose claims of alternative medicine and prefers to rely on data. "Ultimately, I am not a zealot or even a true believer," he said. "I am sure that I do not understand the placebo effect. I ask questions, hopefully valuable questions, and we will see where the research lands."

Kaptchuk practiced acupuncture for half his adult life. But he stopped twenty years ago. Despite the popularity of acupuncture, clinical studies continually fail to demonstrate its effectiveness—a fact that Kaptchuk doesn't dispute. I asked him how a person who talks about the primacy of data and disdains what he calls the "squishiness" of alternative medicine could rely so heavily on a therapy with no proven value. Kaptchuk smiled broadly. "Because I am a damn good healer," he said. "That is the difficult truth. If you needed help and you came to me, you would get better. Thousands of people have. Because, in the end, it isn't really about the needles. It's about the man."

For most of human history, placebos were a fundamental tool in any physician's armamentarium—sometimes the only tool. When there was nothing else to offer, placebos were a salve. The word itself comes from the Latin for "I will please." In medieval times, hired mourners participating in Vespers for the Dead often chanted the ninth line of Psalm 116: "I shall please the dead in the land of the living." Because the mourners were hired, their emotions were considered insincere. People called them "placebos." The word has always carried mixed connotations. Thomas Jefferson wrote approvingly of what he called a "pious fraud," and noted that "one of the most successful physicians I have ever known has assured me that he used more bread pills, drops of coloured water, and powders of hickory ashes, than of all other medicines put together." But, as increasingly specific knowledge about human anatomy emerged, people began to demand scientific answers to medical questions. Knowledge displaced faith, and human health improved rapidly. Antibiotics are real; placebos are not.

The first publicly acknowledged placebo-controlled trial—and still among the most remarkable—took place at the request of King Louis XVI, in 1784, under the direction of Benjamin Franklin, then the American Ambassador to France. The German physician Franz Anton Mesmer had become famous in Vienna for a new treatment he called "animal magnetism," and he claimed to have discovered a healing fluid that could "cure" many ailments. Mesmer became highly sought after in Paris, where he would routinely "mesmerize" his followers—one of whom was Marie Antoinette. The King wasn't buying it, however, and he asked a commission of the French Academy of Sciences to look into the claims. (The members included Franklin, the chemist Antoine Lavoisier, and Joseph Guillotin—who invented the device that would eventually separate the King's head from his body.) The commission replicated some of Mesmer's sessions, and, in one case, asked a young boy to hug magnetized trees that were presumed to contain the healing powers invoked by Mesmer. He did as directed and responded as expected: he shook, convulsed, and swooned. The trees, though, were not magnetic, and Mesmer was denounced as a fraud. Placebos and lies were intertwined in the public mind.

It was another hundred and fifty years before scientists began to focus on the role that emotions can play in healing. During the Second World War, Lieutenant Colonel Henry Beecher—who went on to become the first chairman of the anesthesia department at Massachusetts General Hospital—attempted to assess the degree to which the severity of a soldier's injuries corresponded to the amount of pain he felt. In Europe, Beecher met with more than two hundred soldiers, gravely wounded but still coherent enough to talk; he asked each man if he wanted morphine. Seventy-five per cent declined.

Beecher was astounded. He knew from his experience before the war that civilians with similar injuries would have begged for morphine, and he had seen healthy soldiers complain loudly about the pain associated with minor inconveniences, like receiving vaccinations. He concluded that the difference had to do with expectations; a soldier who survived a terrible attack often had a positive outlook simply because he was still alive. Beecher made a simple but powerful observation: our expectations can have a profound impact on how we heal.

Armed with this information, and with his conviction that the placebo effect could be harnessed to help relieve suffering, Beecher returned to the United States and continued his research. In 1955, he published an article called "The Powerful Placebo," in which he wrote that "placebos have a high degree of therapeutic effectiveness in treating subjective responses." The paper has been cited more than a thousand times by other scientists, and Beecher's conclusion—that the placebo effect plays a critical role in almost any medical intervention—influenced much of what has followed in clinical research. His basic supposition was correct: emotions and expectations can affect our perception of pain.

Before Beecher's work, new drugs were tested in a haphazard manner; since then, they have always been compared with a placebo or with another drug. But Beecher's methodology was deeply flawed. Although he reported that placebos were effective more than a third of the time, he shrugged off a phenomenon known as "regression to the mean." Over time, the condition of most patients improves, with or without treatment. A person who enrolls in a clinical study when he is feeling particularly bad is likely to improve solely as a result of the natural course of the illness, not because he was given a placebo. (And people often enroll in such studies when they are sickest.) A patient who knows that he is in a study also may expect a better therapeutic result than one who doesn't. If you believe that doctors are particularly attentive, you can get better more rapidly, even if they aren't. This is known as the Hawthorne effect. (There is also a "nocebo effect." Expecting a placebo to do harm or cause pain makes people sicker, not better. When subjects in one notable study were told that headaches are a side effect of lumbar puncture, the number of headaches they reported after the study was finished increased sharply.)

For years, researchers could do little but guess at the complex biology of the placebo response. A meaningful picture began to emerge only in the nineteen-seventies, with the discovery of endorphins: substances secreted in the brain that are chemically similar to opiates like morphine and heroin. The discovery led to the novel idea that, in effect, the brain produces its own pharmacy. In 1978, three scientists from the University of California at San Francisco—Jon Levine, Newton Gordon, and Howard Fields—decided to investigate whether endorphins might explain why patients who received placebos often reported a significant reduction in pain. People recovering from dental surgery were told that they were about to receive a dose of morphine, saline, or a drug that might increase their pain. By then, researchers had learned not only about the nocebo effect but that a suggestion of relief will often trigger the production of endorphins, so they were not surprised that patients receiving saline reported reduced pain.

What came next, however, fundamentally reshaped the field. The researchers dismissed the subjects who received morphine and then divided the remaining participants into those who responded to the placebo and those who didn't. Then they introduced Naloxone into patients' I.V. drips. Naloxone was developed to counteract overdoses of heroin and morphine. It works essentially by latching onto, and thus locking up, key opioid receptors in the central nervous system. The endorphins that we secrete attach themselves to the same receptors in the same way, so Naloxone blocks them, too. The researchers theorized that, if endorphins had caused the placebo effect, Naloxone would negate their impact, and it did. The Naloxone caused those who responded positively to the placebos to experience a sharp increase in pain; the drug had no effect on the people who did not respond to the placebo. The study was the first to provide solid evidence that the chemistry behind the placebo effect could be understood—and altered.

"It was one of those studies that make the scales fall from your eyes," Kaptchuk told me. "I had just started to think about the placebo effect—scientifically and historically. And here comes this paper that says that, even if it's all in your head, there is still a biological mechanism driving these reactions. It was very exciting."

Kaptchuk assumed that the results would add legitimacy to the field. He was wrong. "Things are better than they were," he said. "But even now, you know, people at Harvard talk about placebos the way the Popes used to talk about medicine. They declared that Jews were not allowed to treat Christians—not because they were not good doctors but because it would have been ethically wrong. These are ethical judgments masquerading as science. Because from the beginning I kept having this nagging thought: what is so bad about getting better from a placebo?"

That kind of thinking, still hard for most doctors to accept, was heretical in 1990, when Kaptchuk arrived at Harvard. "People kept saying, 'Oh, this is just the placebo effect.' You would hear that every day," Kaptchuk said. He had spent years studying Chinese medicine (and medical history), and this made no sense to him. "I thought, Ted, step back a minute. This wasn't just something that was a negative. It was something that needed to be understood."

Slowly, over the past decade, researchers have begun to tease out the strands of the placebo response. The findings, while difficult to translate into medicine, have been compelling. In most cases, the larger the pill, the stronger the placebo effect. Two pills are better than one, and brand-name pills trump generics. Capsules are generally more effective than pills, and injections produce a more pronounced effect than either. There is even evidence to suggest that the color of medicine influences the way one responds to it: colored pills are more likely to relieve pain than white pills; blue pills help people sleep better than red pills; and green capsules are the best bet when it comes to anxiety medication.

Conditioning and expectations matter, and so does learned behavior. In the eighties, Levine and Gordon divided a group of postoperative patients into three sections: those in the first section received morphine secretly, those in the second were told they would receive morphine (and did), and those in the third were given a placebo that was described as a powerful pain reliever. The results were startling. Patients who were told that they would receive a painkiller, whether they actually received it or not, had the same experience in the trial as those who secretly received between six and eight milligrams of morphine—a significant amount. The covert dose had to be increased to twelve milligrams to surpass the effect of the placebo. Over the past two decades, the Italian neuroscientist Fabrizio Benedetti (who studied with Gordon and Levine), and Luana Colloca, a colleague of Benedetti's, who is now based in the United States, at the National Institutes of Health, have expanded on these studies. They have found, for example, that diazepam—more commonly known as Valium—has no discernible effect on anxiety unless a person knows he is taking it. And, increasingly, studies like those have been carried out with the help of imaging techniques—such as PET scans and functional M.R.I.s—that can track brain changes as they happen. These advances in brain imaging, along with an increased understanding of neurochemicals, have transformed a vague and mysterious notion into a tangible effect that scientists consider worthy of investigation.

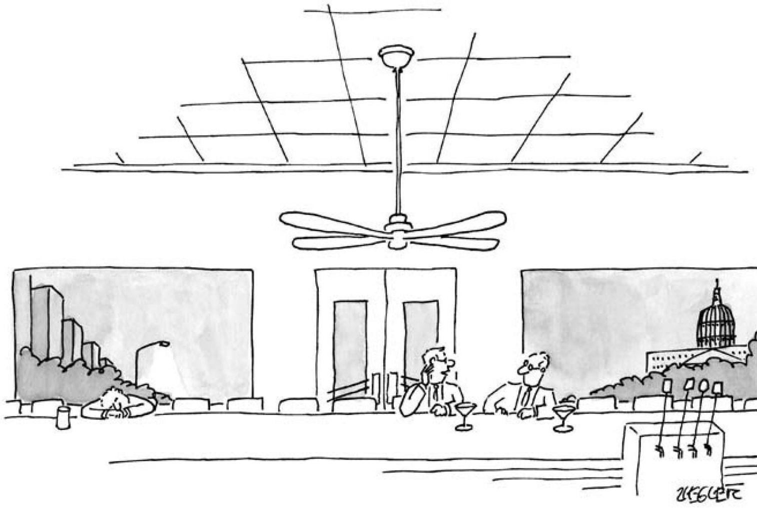
"What's exciting here is that, if we are to talk about using placebos in a clinical setting, they would have to have a measurable effect and a biology we understand," Wayne Jonas told me. Jonas is an interesting hybrid in a world often sharply divided between conventional and alternative therapies. In the early nineties, he served as the director of the Medical Research Fellowship Program at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, in Washington, D.C. He went on to run the Office of Alternative Medicine at the National Institutes of Health, from 1995 to 1999. Today, Jonas is the president of the Samueli Institute, a Washington research group devoted to shifting the focus of health care from treatment to prevention.

"The morphine studies bring us a long way," he said. So did a recent investigation by Kaptchuk, in which participants suffering from irritable-bowel syndrome were not deceived about their treatment; in fact, they were told in great detail about the placebos they received and that they were often as effective as real medicine. The pills brought them relief.

For many people in the field, results like those achieved in the morphine and I.B.S. studies, while preliminary and in need of confirmation, hint at something far more significant than the effect of a placebo or problems with a particular drug. They suggest that the "magic bullet" approach to health care—simple, effective solutions to single problems, like a strep infection or polio—can no longer remain our principal approach to treating disease.

There has always been a distinction between disease and illness. Disease is a biological condition that we have historically treated with drugs, surgery, and other technological solutions. Illness, on the other hand, defines the context of a medical encounter, including the relationship between doctor and patient. Like Kaptchuk, Jonas believes that placebo research demonstrates that it is essential to consider both the science and the art of medicine—to think about diseases as illnesses, and not to rely solely on short-term, high-tech solutions. Scientists hope that, even if it proves impossible to replace drugs with placebos, research into the way they affect us will accomplish nothing less than a transformation of American medicine. "There are

"Bore me to sleep, Daddy."



"He's the chief watchdog, who watches over all the other watchdogs—but this must be his night off."

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no magic bullets for most of the problems that ail us today," Jonas said. "Diabetes, immune-system disorders, chronic pain, cancer. Our illnesses are complex, and we need to approach them in more comprehensive ways. We try to identify drugs that will eliminate disease. Yet the way we go about delivering those agents—the interaction between doctor and patient, for example—often has a bigger impact than the agent we focus on. More than the drug and more than the surgery. And that has been collectively called the placebo effect."

The headquarters of the Food and Drug Administration, situated on a campus called White Oak, on the far edge of Silver Spring, Maryland, seems as close to the rest of the federal medical establishment as it is to Pluto. There is no Metro to White Oak, and it takes half an hour to drive from the sprawling campus to the National Institutes of Health, in Bethesda. The F.D.A.'s physical isolation belies its position as the nation's principal regulator of consumer products. No drug is sold without the agency's approval. There will be no prescriptions for any placebo, either, unless clinical trials have demonstrated its effectiveness to the satisfaction of the F.D.A.

"One of the absolutely fundamental problems that we have is the use of the term 'placebo,' which does nobody any good," Robert Temple told me, echoing a complaint made by virtually everyone who deals with the subject. Temple, who has for many years run the F.D.A.'s drug-evaluation department, is an owlish man with a short, thick mustache and circular glasses. His office is so filled with towering stacks of files that, after you enter, it takes a moment to find him. "Just because something is called a 'placebo group,' " he said, "everyone assumes that what happens in that group is a result of the placebo effect. And that is absolutely not true."

Temple, who has worked at the F.D.A. for four decades, rarely makes a decision without angering somebody. He has been regarded as a meddlesome reactionary by H.I.V. activists and others who insist that drugs be released more rapidly. The more conservative medical establishment frequently accuses the agency of endorsing the wishful thinking of drug manufacturers. And to the large and growing community that supports alternative approaches to medicine Temple is Dr. No.

Temple said that he understands why placebos attract people who become frustrated when science fails to provide definitive answers. "The persistence of what people believe will save their lives as opposed to the evidence is staggering," he said. "So people are talking about using placebos as drugs. But I have no idea what that means in practical terms. How would it work?" Tantalizing hints and possible effects are not data, and Temple says there are no data that would suggest that placebos are drugs. There are several studies, though, that illustrate the basis for his skepticism.

A placebo effect is commonly observed during trials of blood-pressure medications. To qualify for such studies, subjects are supposed to have blood pressure that exceeds a hundred and forty over ninety in at least one of the two measurements. "As soon as somebody enters those studies, his or her blood pressure falls an average of five or six millimetres of mercury," Temple said. "That is significant, but it is not a placebo response, and it is not a response to being in the study. It is often the result of doctors' inflating readings—of rounding up." If a person's blood pressure is a hundred and thirty-eight over eighty-eight, for example, investigators will often include him. "When you use an automatic blood-pressure cuff to establish a baseline for these kinds of studies, the entire placebo effect vanishes," Temple said.

When a drug (or a placebo) is under study, subjects are usually divided into two groups. Neither group knows exactly what it is getting (nor do the doctors), but one group generally receives the drug and the other a placebo. "There is a better way," Temple said. "If you want to see if there is a placebo effect, use three arms in a drug trial, not two. Tell them, 'Some of you will be getting a drug, some will get a tablet that looks like a drug but is nothing but a sugar pill, and some of you will get nothing at all.'

"It seems to me," he went on, "that if there is any substantial placebo effect, there ought to be a difference between the group that knows it's getting nothing and the group that doesn't know it's getting nothing. If there is no difference, then what are we talking about? Because it's not a placebo effect."

It turns out that there have been many trials of the type Temple mentioned. In 2001, the Danish epidemiologist Asbjørn Hróbjartsson, of Copenhagen's Nordic Cochrane Center, along with his colleague Peter Gøtzsche, published a systematic review of a hundred and fourteen clinical trials that compared patients who received a placebo with subjects who were told that they would receive no medicine at all. The researchers attempted to assess the combined impact of many different kinds of trials using meta-analysis, a statistical technique for extracting information from studies that are not statistically significant by themselves. Their article, "Is the Placebo Powerless? An Analysis of Clinical Trials Comparing Placebo with No Treatment," published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, was a long-overdue response to Beecher's 1955 paper.

In almost every case, the researchers reported, there was essentially no difference between the placebo group and the openly untreated group. There were particular exceptions in studies of pain, where there was a slight but measurable placebo effect. Since we are physiologically capable of manufacturing our own painkillers—endorphins—the result may not have been surprising. Expectations and suggestion clearly influence behavior, and when we expect to receive medicine our bodies often begin to prepare for it. (As the evolutionary biologist Robert Trivers recently pointed out, in "The Folly of Fools," his book about the historical necessity of deceit, what the brain expects to happen in the near future affects its physiological state. Trivers's theory would explain a fact that has often baffled scientists: the placebo effect doesn't appear to work with Alzheimer's patients. Trivers suggests that this is because most people who have Alzheimer's disease are unable to anticipate the future and are therefore unable to prepare for it.)

The Danish researchers repeated the study in 2004, and again last year, incorporating new data each time. The results and their conclusions remained the same. "We found little evidence in general that placebos had powerful clinical effects," Hróbjartsson wrote. "Outside the setting of clinical trials, there is no justification for the use of placebos."

Kaptchuk has great respect for Hróbjartsson, yet he is wary of relying on meta-analyses, and he believes that an honest interaction between a doctor and a patient can significantly alter the outcome of treatment. That was the point of his study of irritable-bowel syndrome, in which some subjects were told that they would not be treated. I.B.S., a chronic gastrointestinal disorder, is one of the most common reasons that people seek medical care. Effective long-term therapies have proved elusive. In Kaptchuk's study, eighty patients were randomly divided into two groups. Patients in the first group received a placebo pill twice a day; those in the second received nothing. Before the study began, both groups were told that placebos were "inert or inactive pills, like sugar pills, without any medication in them." They were also informed that placebos have been shown in "rigorous clinical testing to produce significant mind-body self-healing processes." Patients who received the openly distributed placebo scored far better on standard assessments of their condition than those who received nothing. There were also statistically significant differences in the severity of symptoms.

Although a group of eighty patients is too small to draw definitive conclusions, honesty seemed to work. "Asbjørn's stuff is a constant intellectual challenge," Kaptchuk wrote in an e-mail. "His meta-analyses are tops. Great methods, very careful. Clear." Yet Kaptchuk also pointed out that placebos are not the only interventions that can cause complicated reactions. Drugs do, too. Opiods, for example, increase pain in about ten per cent of those who take them. Antibiotics don't always work, and neither does cortisone, a powerful steroid used each year by millions of people. Meta-analyses are useful to help understand large amounts of data from different trials. But statistical results that combine information from a variety of medical centers, with different kinds of patients, often in different countries, administered under different conditions, cannot be uniform and therefore cannot be conclusive.

Hróbjartsson and Kaptchuk are united on at least one front. Like Wayne Jonas, they agree that the medical system needs to change. "You have to put this into the context of the society in which you live," Hróbjartsson told me. "Because I think this may be as much a matter of philosophy as of science. There is an anti-technological, anti-science feeling in the West. We constantly see frustration with the limits of medicine. The placebo can be seen in some sense as a logical avenue for those frustrations. Everyone wants a simple, pain-free solution. But I wonder if that approach isn't just the mirror image of the pharmacological way of handling illness—that there is a pill for every disease.

"The entire idea of a placebo is very 'soapy,'" Hróbjartsson continued. "It slips away whenever you try to find a border."

That has always been true. After all, for many people a placebo is just a sugar pill. For others, the definition includes the entire ritual of treatment, the complete interaction between doctor and patient. Increased attention has mostly raised new questions: What are the physical and psychological mechanisms that produce placebo effects? What are the conditions they most easily affect? And can we actually identify people who respond to placebos? Scientists now have bits of answers to some of those questions, but to reach their goal, and introduce placebos into clinical practice, they will need to answer all of them.

Ted Kaptchuk gets a great deal of pleasure from focussing on what other people reject. Indifference seems to motivate him. "I was raised in a crazy home, and it prepared me to accept any proposition," he said. That, he once told me, is why he was so active in the sixties: "It was a time when the underpinnings of the universe were questioned." Both of Kaptchuk's parents, who were Poles, survived the Holocaust. "That really defines a lot of what I do. My father was a Red, so I have a tendency to get pleasure from subversiveness."

A particularly radical son of the sixties, Kaptchuk was one of the founders of the Columbia University chapter of Students for a Democratic Society, in 1965, but the organization was soon dominated by a faction that became the Weather Underground. That was too radical even for Kaptchuk. He fled to the West Coast. "I was hanging out with the San Francisco Red Guards and reading Mao, trying to get away from U.S. imperialism," he said. "I was militant and crazy. But at some point I said, Ted, this is not being human."

Kaptchuk decided to pursue studies in Chinese philosophy and medicine at the source. Beijing had yet to open its borders to Americans, but Kaptchuk hoped that his revolutionary bona fides would prompt the leadership to make an exception. "My request to study there was delivered to the government by members of the Black Panther Party," he told me. Even that didn't work. The Chinese denied the request, and Kaptchuk spent much of the next decade studying in Macau.

Today, it is hard to imagine Ted Kaptchuk as a radical, let alone a fugitive. He is an observant Jew who wears a yarmulke on top of a shaggy bowl haircut that looks as if he'd copied the Beatles, circa 1964, then let it grow. As a devotee of Eastern thought, he bars shoes from his house and speaks in a hushed, measured voice. David Carradine would have played him beautifully.

Kaptchuk is the first prominent professor at Harvard Medical School since Erik Erikson with neither a medical degree nor a doctorate, and it would be easy to dismiss him as a signature representative of the unsubstantiated-alternative-health-care movement. But he has published scores of books, articles in highly regarded peer-reviewed journals, letters, and review notes—on subjects ranging from placebo research to exorcism, from cancer treatment to shaman rituals among Navajo Indians. He has just finished a study designed to answer a central question in placebo research: Do the genes of people who respond to placebos differ in significant ways from those of people who don't? (The data, compelling but so far preliminary, suggest that the answer is yes.)

"Ted Kaptchuk is the most knowledgeable person in the world on all matters placebo," Franklin Miller told me. Miller is a senior faculty member in the Department of Bioethics at the National Institutes of Health. "He has done the research, the scholarship, and the most interesting and clinically relevant studies." One day, I asked Kaptchuk how a man who practiced acupuncture and dispensed herbs, rather than earning a Ph.D. in biology or statistics, had learned to design complicated trials. He told me that he spent years seeking the advice of the most highly respected and rigorous medical statisticians. "I basically apprenticed myself," he said, "and they were happy to help a quack who wanted to deal with data."

Kaptchuk is proud of being what he calls "a card-carrying member of the Harvard establishment." It is a distinction that did not come easily, even though he has received millions of dollars in funding for his projects from the National Institutes of Health. "The goal is to understand placebos so that they may be used intelligently," he said one day. "But this is the area where I veer from some of my colleagues. Because what do I really want? Anything that gets people away from the conveyor belts that move from the pharmaceutical houses to doctors and on to patients is worth considering. Anything. We need to stop pretending it's all about molecular biology. Serious illnesses are affected by aesthetics, by art, and by the moral questions that are negotiated between practitioners and patients. Chiropractors never say that your pain is all in your head. But orthopedists do it all the time. What a fucking way to try and help somebody heal. Do you know how evil that is?"

That kind of deeply held conviction touches on the fundamental questions that challenge American medicine. Kaptchuk wants to broaden the definition of healing, which is exactly what enrages many scientists. In one recent study of a major asthma drug, he and his colleagues reported that, although placebos had no impact on the chemical markers that indicate whether a patient is responding to therapy, patients nonetheless reported feeling better. Kaptchuk concluded that objective data should not be the only criterion for doctors to consider. "Even though objective physiological measures are important," he wrote in the study, published earlier this year in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, "other outcomes such as emergency room visits and quality-of-life metrics may be more clinically relevant to patients and physicians."

"My jaw dropped when I read this," David Gorski, a professor of medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine, wrote on the science blog Respectful Insolence. " 'Other outcomes' besides objective measures of disease severity may be 'more clinically relevant'?" That kind of assertion clashes with the basic truths of the scientific method. Kaptchuk counters that we are losing sight of our goal—which is to make people feel better. "This study demonstrated that, without a change in objective data, you still get incredible subjective improvement," he said. "So is a doctor really supposed to say, Gee, the patient is feeling good but I better ignore that and go by the numbers?"

It was late in the afternoon, and we were sitting in Kaptchuk's garden in Cambridge. He looked at me and threw his hands into the air. "Is my approach just hocus-pocus?" he said softly. "Isn't that what you are really asking? You want to know the relationship between rationality and feeling and between science, critical thinking, and the art of medicine. And that boils down to one question: Do you think this entire field is based on a foundation of magical thinking, or do you not?"

Three years ago, a week before Thanksgiving, while I was sitting in my office, my chest began to throb. It was a diffuse pain, but pain nonetheless. I am a middle-aged man with the usual amount of stress (too much) and I handle it in the usual way (denial). My cholesterol and blood pressure are normal, and I exercise regularly and try to eat sensibly. Still, I have read many obituaries of "healthy" men my age who ignored chest pain. So, somewhat sheepishly, I called my doctor and explained the situation, and he told me to come right over.

He conducted a thorough examination, and then we talked. He told me I was fine, that Thanksgiving is often a tense time, and that I should relax. My pain suddenly disappeared. I have written frequently of my belief that magic is for fairy tales and science is for humans. But something about that process soothed me. Of course, it was a relief to know that I wasn't sick. But could words really banish a pain I had struggled with for hours?

After I got home, I realized that I had been given a placebo. Not purposefully, perhaps, but it had the same effect. My doctor told me that I was fine, and that made my pain go away. It also eased my anxiety at least as effectively as if I had swallowed a pill. My doctor takes an extremely science-based approach to his work. That's what makes him so good at his job. But that afternoon we engaged in exactly the type of ritual that, according to Kaptchuk, will have to play a critical role in the future of American health care. And, at least in this instance, it would have been hard to argue that it didn't work. ♦

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Article 1.

NYT

Setting Sail on Gaza’s Sea of Spin

Ethan Bronner

July 2, 2011 -- SOME see a parallel with the Exodus, the ship filled with Jewish refugees that tried to break the British blockade of Palestine in 1947 and helped sway world opinion toward Zionism. Others are struck by the insistence on transporting basic aid — food and cement — when it is no longer needed. Still others note the way the Israeli authorities portray the organizers as violent Islamists when most are middle-aged European pacifists.

Almost everything about the flotilla stuck in Greece and waiting to challenge Israel’s blockade of Gaza seems to be a parable for something else, part of an unstated effort to recast the Israeli-Palestinian narrative in extreme terms. Instead of helping to clarify what Gaza needs and how it might build a future, the saga has merely brought out the public relations demons on all sides.

Ostensibly the 10 or so boats, with several hundred advocates from more than a dozen countries, are trying to take goods to Gaza because of a siege imposed by Israel and Egypt to pressure Hamas, the Islamist ruler there. A year ago a similar flotilla was stopped by the Israeli Navy, and after commandos boarded and scuffles ensued, nine activists were killed.

The international outrage that followed helped force an easing of the siege. One result, largely unacknowledged by the flotilla leaders: far more goods have gone into Gaza over the past year, and while the 1.6 million people there still need many things, basic supplies are not among them.

Israel is therefore quick to say that Gaza is well provided for and does not need any flotilla. If it still wants to bring in aid, it should take it to either Israel or Egypt and it will be delivered by truck. Sea access must remain blocked to prevent weapons smuggling.

The Israeli position defies a brutal truth: last year's flotilla made a big difference for the people of Gaza — at a terrible cost in lives — by refocusing international attention on their plight and forcing a change in Israeli policy. Today, twice as many goods enter from Israel as before. Nonetheless, Gaza remains a deeply sad and deprived place.

"The focus on humanitarian aid by both flotilla organizers and the Israeli government is infuriating and misleading," Gisha, an Israeli human rights group focused on Gaza, said in a statement. "There is no shortage of food in Gaza, but economic recovery is blocked by sweeping restrictions."

The Exodus analogy supports a certain political and public relations strategy. In July 1947, when Britain ruled Palestine and the number of Jews allowed in was severely limited, the ship, with 4,500 Jewish refugees from Europe, tried to get through. British forces boarded it, killed three people, wounded dozens and essentially destroyed the ship as it listed in Haifa harbor.

The British ultimately sent the passengers to Hamburg. The sight of thousands of Jewish refugees shipped to Germany soon after the Holocaust sparked international outrage and sympathy for the Zionist cause, a key goal of the trip. "The Exodus showed that if the British are callous enough to send Jews back to Germany, the only ones who should be in charge of the fate of the Jews are the Jews themselves," observed M. M. Silver, an Israeli historian and the author of "Our Exodus." "Palestinian forces are trying to make the same point through the flotilla, that Israel has no right to control the fate of Palestinians."

Several months after the Exodus, the United Nations General Assembly voted for the establishment of two states in Palestine, Jewish and Arab, the key diplomatic moment in Israel's history. The

Palestinian leadership rejected that resolution, but this September plans to ask the United Nations for recognition of its statehood with the 1967 lines, a move strongly opposed by Israel.

Israel, for its part, has been campaigning against the flotilla and perhaps doing more — some of the boats have suffered sabotage. Israel says the Exodus is the wrong analogy; the flotilla is aimed at delegitimizing Israel and killing its soldiers.

"The flotilla is entirely designed to attack Israel's image around the world," said Yuli Edelstein, minister for public diplomacy. "We know that there are representatives of different terror groups on their way to join the flotilla."

Israeli military officials have told newspapers that some flotilla participants plan to pour sacks of sulfur on Israeli commandos and set them afire. The flotilla organizers have denied it.

A government news release noted that Mr. Edelstein had participated in a simulation exercise for the flotilla in which Israeli forces were attacked. The description of the simulation indicates how the government expects the harsh information war to play out: "As the events were taking place, the media — with emphasis on the Internet, Facebook and Twitter — were flooded with mendacious reports (by private users, Hamas and others among Israel's enemies)."

Mendacity has already reared its head. An Israeli actor put up a YouTube clip saying that he was a gay activist rejected by the flotilla because of his sexual orientation. The video was exposed as a fake. Israeli officials, who had promoted the clip on Twitter and Facebook, said they had been duped. But suspicions remained since the clip's production quality was high and officials had long used the talking point that Hamas and other Islamist groups were intolerant of homosexuality.

The Turkish group I.H.H., which helps sponsor the flotillas, has ties to Hamas, and Israeli and Western concern that violence could occur if the flotilla sets sail does not seem far-fetched, despite the organizers' vows to the contrary.

So the flotilla has virtually no support in Israel. Still, some are uncomfortable with the way the project has been criticized as an attack on Israel itself.

Shlomo Avineri, a historian and onetime director general of Israel's foreign ministry, wrote in the Haaretz newspaper last week that when the flotilla is described as aimed at delegitimizing Israel, he recalls the Soviet Union's reaction to any criticism as an assault on its right to exist. Opposition to Israeli policy is not the same as an attack on its existence, he said, and the government's approach damages Israel.

His argument about the flotilla points to the larger dynamic: the Israeli-Palestinian dispute is increasingly disintegrating from a debate over borders and security into a battle between those claiming that Israel is a genocidal machine and those who dismiss every attack on its policy as an assault on its essence.

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Article 2.

The Daily Beast

5 Lessons of the DSK Affair

Bernard-Henri Lévy

July 2, 2011 -- The Strauss-Kahn affair is not over.

For it to be over, the American system of justice must pursue its investigation and work to the very end.

If it's truly to be over, Dominique Strauss-Kahn must be granted not only his freedom, but—even more importantly—restoration of his honor.

In other words, "the Strauss-Kahn affair" will continue to be regarded as such as long as it hasn't been clearly established that there never was any affair at all—and that the plaintiff, not content to have lied about this or that aspect of her past, also lied in accusing the former head of the IMF of having raped her.

And yet, given recent revelations, we can already draw a few lessons from what will ultimately—no doubt very soon—be known as the Strauss-Kahn non-affair.

1. The cannibalisation of Justice by the Sideshow.

This cannibalisation is not exclusively an American phenomenon, of course, and we have witnessed myriad examples of it in Europe and France. But it must be said that, with this affair, it has reached the heights of obscenity. The improvised press conference by the woman's lawyer on the steps of a courthouse normally dedicated to the sober discernment of the truth was obscene. The "shame on you's" that greeted Dominique Strauss-Kahn as he arrived for the hearing on June 6th, shouted by battalions of hotel chambermaids who knew nothing of the actual case and whose protest had been orchestrated and scripted, were obscene. And so, too, though in another manner, was the famous "perp walk" which, I'm aware, is the lot of all those charged with a crime, but which, given the identity of the accused in question, could only degenerate into globally observed torture—high punishment for a crime, which no one, at that point, knew whether or not he had committed.

This vision of Dominique Strauss-Kahn humiliated in chains, dragged lower than the gutter—this degradation of a man whose silent dignity couldn't be touched, was not just cruel, it was pornographic. And it was at least as pornographic (because, I repeat, it's the same thing) as attorney Kenneth Thompson's visible glee in expounding on the state of his client's "vagina" [sic] before the entire world.

2. The Robespierrism of this judicial sideshow.

What is Robespierrism? It's a word taken from the French Revolution, of course, one that describes the way those behind the terror at the time took hold of a man of flesh and blood and dehumanized him by transforming him into an abstract symbol, and, as the literal incarnation of that symbol, tailored his person to fit the skin of all they had decided to purge from society of the Ancien Régime.

Well, we are compelled to observe that, regarding the Strauss-Kahn affair, America the pragmatic, that rebels against ideologies, this country of habeas corpus that de Tocqueville claimed possessed the most democratic system of justice in the world, has pushed this French Robespierrism, unfortunately, to the extremes of its craziness. In this case, Dominique Strauss-Kahn was no longer Dominique Strauss-Kahn. He was no longer a singular man gifted with a singular word, one whose version of the facts should have been carefully heard in order to compare it with that of his accuser. No. He was the symbol of arrogant France. He was the emblem of the world of the privileged, odiously sure of their own impunity. He was the mirror of this world of white global bankers that constitutes Wall

Street—one that the other America, the Main Street of every city in the country, sees as the quintessential enemy. And, similarly, this woman was the allegory of all women who are not only battered and humiliated but also poor and immigrant—their words, silenced too long, finally expressed through hers.

The sad thing is, that's not what justice is. Justice doesn't oppose symbols, but human beings. Unless we succumb once more to what Condorcet—one among many of Robespierre's victims—called the "sympathetic zeal of the supposed friends of mankind," and what I would call the "lynching, in sympathy with minorities, by their supposed friends."

3. For in France, again, Robespierrism has always gotten on well with another -ism, apparently its opposite but in reality its twin, which is called Barrèsism. What is Barrèsism? It is a worldview that takes its name from the French nationalist writer, contemporary of the Dreyfus Affair, Maurice Barrès. And it is particularly and precisely in reference to Captain Alfred Dreyfus that he uttered the famous phrase, "That Dreyfus is guilty, I deduce not from the facts themselves, but from his race." The Strauss-Kahn affair is obviously unrelated to the Dreyfus affair. I must state, to be clear, that I don't think it has much to do with this worldwide religion and delirium that is anti-Semitism. But what I do believe is that this is the appearance of a new variation on Maurice Barrès's phrase that has become, "That X—in this case Dominique Strauss-Kahn—is guilty, I deduce not from his race, but from his class."

And what I believe is that this utterance, along with the transformation (compliments of the Terror) of the "individual" Strauss-Kahn into "the suspect" delivered to the media guillotine, has been enough to fuel the fatal mechanism and make it run full throttle. In a letter by Bill Keller, the executive editor of The New York Times, that I received May 20 and that I have no scruples about making public since publication was its purpose (it appeared in his commentary in The New York Times Magazine), he said he was "struck" and "puzzled" by the fact that "57 percent of the French public" and, in particular, "70 percent of the Socialists" seemed to embrace the cause of Dominique Strauss-Kahn, whereas "one might expect" them "to be ideologically empathetic to an African hotel maid."

I'm not saying that Keller was among those who found the powerful and white banker antipathetic. And I would say so even less since the Times ultimately provided the first elements of truth leading to the spectacular turnaround we are witnessing.

But I maintain that formulating the problem in these terms—bringing up political categories in a debate in which they are not relevant, in a word, introducing ideological considerations in an area with which they have nothing to do—is, in itself, very disturbing.

And I maintain—as I have said and repeated here and elsewhere—that the very fact of admitting that empathies of this sort can enter into the realm of justice amounts to inventing a class justice in reverse, no less problematic nor, ultimately, less criminal than the former.

It's no longer, as it once was, "bastard poor, the rich are always right," but rather, "rich bastards, it's the poor and the injured who are always, and inevitably, right."

4. Another temptation typical of our era is the sacralisation of the victim's word.

Let me make it clear. If there is a lifelong combat I have led of which I am proud, it is that which consists of giving voice to the humble and to those who have no voice. It is a combat I have fought in Bosnia, in the confines of Asia, in the forgotten wars of Africa but also, and as much or nearly so, in our officially democratic world where it took decades of struggle so that “equality of rights” wouldn’t be empty words, and so that rape, for example, would be recognized as a crime. But giving voice to the lowly is one thing. Considering this voice as Gospel is quite another—which can be the source of new and dreadful injustices. Yet this is exactly what has happened with his accuser’s charges.

And I am still asking myself how so many editorialists, so many great consciences and, by the way, so many feminists could take it as a given that the word of this woman—of whom we knew only what filtered through the incomplete language of justice—was necessarily infallible.

The truth is that we have passed from one extreme to the other. The era when the word of the System’s victims was, on principle, discredited has given way to one in which it is—also on principle—attributed all prestige.

Yet I repeat: To be a victim of society is one thing, and no one doubts that the alleged victim of the supposed rape is at least the victim of a social order that pays its hotel maids peanuts and treats them like livestock.

But to be the victim of aggression is another thing entirely and of an entirely different nature. It must be established methodically, scrupulously, and with discretion, by comparing evidence, viewpoints and witness accounts and by avoiding the interference of emotion, even when justified, that may motivate one and another. This is a question of principle.

5. Finally, as I immediately emphasized, there is already a victim in this case and that is the very principle, in the United States, of the presumption of innocence. Soon there will be another, I mean another victim, should it be verified that the accuser also lied about what actually happened in this now-legendary suite at the Sofitel, and that will be Dominique Strauss-Kahn himself. But from now on, there

is an established disaster, that being the destruction, in a country of which it was one of the pillars, of the sacrosanct principle that, even in an accusatory system, a man has the right to the respect of his honor and his integrity as long as his guilt has not been established. In the case of Dominique Strauss-Kahn, this principle was flouted by the tabloids (The New York Post, The Daily News, etc.) whose competitions in humiliation transformed him, from the first moment, into a monster. He was trampled on by that part of the "serious" press, which, like Time magazine, with its astounding cover illustrating the “lies” and “arrogances” of the “powerful” with a photo of a pig, committed what the worst of the tabloids did not dare to.

And he was crushed, then, by that fraction of the American judicial apparatus that, by putting Dominique Strauss-Kahn in stocks, by humiliating him before the entire world, by ruthlessly pursuing him, has probably ruined his life. That is what I wished to say when I wrote that, after George W. Bush’s invention of the concept of “pre-emptive war,” America, under Cyrus Vance, Jr., has perhaps begun to invent the idea, scarcely less horrifying, of “pre-emptive penalty.” And please allow a friend of this country to repeat, here, what he has said in his own country, when media-judicial tornadoes of the same kind have swept the land: that all this calls, at the least, for serious, honest, and substantial soul-searching.

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Article 3.

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New paradigm in Palestine

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30 June - 6 July 2011 -- All roads to a meaningful settlement of the Arab Israeli conflict are at a dead end. Nevertheless, should two states be established in historic Palestine, bloody conflict will persist. Putting aside disputes over natural resources, Israel will remain a Zionist supremacist state with a clear arsenal that can turn the entire Middle East into an inferno, and the enclaved improvised Palestinian Arab entity cannot exist without aid from the outside world. There will be democracy for the Jewish people of Israel, with second and perhaps third class citizenships for all others.

The Palestinians, as the last twenty years have shown, will be ruled under an autocratic corrupt police state. The plight of the Palestinian refugees living outside the new Palestine will continue and their right to return totally forgotten. The Jordanian regime may collapse to become the alternate home leading to civil wars between the indigenous Jordanians and the Palestinians. It is also reasonable to assume that, in order to preserve the Jewish identity of Israel, another Nakba will befall the Israeli Arabs who may be relocated to areas in the West Bank.

There can only be one solution -- one state where Palestinians and Israelis alike are equal citizens in a nation that belongs indeed to the Middle East. Three conditions must be met for the new state to take hold: dissolving the Palestinian Authority in Ramallah and the Hamas Government in Gaza, the rejection of Zionism by the Israelis, and the return of the Palestinian refugees. These can only be accomplished under the auspices of the United Nations (UN).

Whereas the defunct two state solution was proposed in 1947, when the UN General Assembly passed Resolution 181 calling for dividing historic Palestine into two entities and for granting Jerusalem an international status, the reversal of this resolution by the Assembly is imperative. Although not legally binding, this resolution did grant legitimacy to the creation of the State of Israel. Ironically, since that resolution, there was no serious discussion concerning the establishment of two states in Palestine until the 1991 Madrid Conference and the signing of the Oslo Accords (Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements) in Washington in 1993. Except for a few euphoric, but short-lived moments, not the slightest progress has been made towards granting the Palestinians statehood, and all attempts to establish two states have failed.

We propose that neutral member states should ask the UN General Assembly to rescind Resolution 181 and to request a new resolution for the establishment of one state in historic Palestine. Although this responsibility falls under the Security Council, the constant exercise by the US of its veto power to protect Israel against condemnations and sanctions has proven the council's ineffectiveness in dealing objectively with the Arab-Israeli conflict.

At the General Assembly, each state has an equal voting right, thus lending legitimacy to passed resolutions. In its deliberations, the Assembly should also address international law and human rights violations committed by Israel, the PA, and neighbouring states against the Palestinian people, and set a course for a new beginning in the Middle East through major shifts in the paradigms that have crippled the region for decades.

A resolution for establishing one democratic state in historic Palestine will include as citizens all those who live there and all Palestinians in the Diaspora, reaffirming Palestinian refugees right to return, and acknowledging the special place that Palestine is for world Jewry. Such a resolution is supported by four facts: All attempts to establish two states have ended in failure; the Jewish and Palestinian populations are too intertwined to separate except forcibly which would constitute apartheid; the physical geography and natural resources such as water and natural gas in coastal waters make division a source of perpetual tension; it is imperative to eliminate the current legitimacy given to Israel's racist colonial system and to establish a just political culture for all.

The resolution's implementation would be the responsibility of the UN and Israel/Palestine, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt. To succeed, representatives of world powers may have to serve as even-handed observers.

The international focus on the Goldstone Report elaborating Israel's alleged crimes in Gaza, and on its assault on the humanitarian aid flotilla uncover only the tip of the iceberg of Israel's violations of international law. The UN is within its rights to sanction Israel for its defiance of international laws and norms. However, although Israel is the primary offender, Lebanon (denying Palestinians minimum civilian rights), Jordan (withdrawing citizenship without due process of the law), and the PA (an autocratic police- state), should all be held accountable for gross human rights violations against the Palestinians.

While a new course should be set based on reconciliation and forgiveness, Israeli and Arab individuals charged with such war crimes and human rights violations must be prosecuted. The General Assembly should, therefore, establish an International Criminal Tribunal as a "subsidiary organ" under Article 22 of the UN Charter for this very purpose.

The proposed shift in the paradigms regarding the Palestinian/Israeli conflict, once implemented will contribute to three UN goals: peace and security of the West Asian/North African region as the new state relinquishes occupied Lebanese and Syrian territories and dismantles it nuclear arsenal; cultural, political, and economic development of the region; and equal rights of all people living on that land.

The new state will be diverse -- an amalgam of different nationalities and faiths, all with equal rights and opportunities. To the Abrahamic faiths, historic Palestine is the Holy Land. The majority of the Palestinians see themselves as Arabs; as such, the new state should have a special status in a more meaningful Arab League. The nationalistic feelings of the Jewish population that link them to fellow Jews worldwide must be recognised and upheld. The Jewish population will, however, have to reject Zionism, a racist and apartheid ideology based on 19th century European colonialist thinking which preyed on the Jewish national feelings long before the Palestinians became its victims.

The new state will bring fundamental changes in governance to the region. Democracy based on equal opportunities will begin to take hold with economic and military unions of the independent states of the region. An EU-like union of the new state, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon will enhance peace and reconciliation and will be a nucleus for a larger regional union.

There are numerous challenges ahead. They range from developing trust to rebuilding the infrastructure, the judicial, educational and social institutions; from disposing of the nuclear arsenal to dealing with the issues of confiscated lands, demolished homes and erased towns and villages. The first step, however, is to go to the UN General Assembly.

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The Rest Won't Overcome the West

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July 1, 2011 -- Much has been said and written in recent years about the growing challenge to US geo-strategic and geo-economic status by China, BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India and China) and the other rising global powers, including South Africa, South Korea, and Turkey. Indeed, in the aftermath of the US military debacles in Iraq and Afghanistan, and especially since the financial meltdown and the ensuing Great Recession, small-time pundits as well as renowned futurologists have been predicting that the West is basically kaput and that the rest of the Twenty-First Century belongs to the 'Rest'. In this scenario, China replaces the US and the global hegemonic power sooner or later. As we study these America-is-finished-and-China-rules-the-world forecasts, it is important to recall that not so long ago many of the same pundits and futurologists were anticipating that globalisation and the Internet would lead to the collapse of the nation-state and the end of the business cycle, or that the US would dominate a unipolar international system and bring about the triumph of democracy and free markets worldwide.

That many of the same experts who were celebrating US triumphalism in the aftermath of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the First Gulf War have now been transformed into the prophets of American gloom and doom, should encourage us to embrace a certain sense of scepticism about the notion that China and the rest of the Rest are about to take charge and that Washington will turn out to be nothing more than a tourist attraction for Chinese and Indian tourists in the coming years.

Even if we set aside indicators such as gross national income per capita (US$46,300 in the US; US$3,650 in China) or military spending (US$687.105 billion in the US; US$114.300 billion in China) that make it clear that the combined economic (G-8 and other industrial nations) and military power of the West overwhelms that of the Rest, the reality is that the Rest - occasionally being referred to as the South - remains an amorphous amalgam of nation-states and economies that have very little in common aside from some hostility - which is receding - towards past European colonialism and American hegemonism.

That Russia is both a member of the exclusive western club of the G-8 and of the BRIC grouping is just one example of the complex global reality in which governments like Russia, or for that matter China, Turkey or Brazil, find US power to be appealing while at the same time also trying to keep it at bay. Hence, the states and economies which belong to the elusive Rest are seeking to penetrate the markets of the US and the West and attract their investors, while also hoping to reform global rules and institutions in a way that would reflect their growing power.

But as Mexico failed in its attempt to win support from the South for its candidate for leading the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the long-term interests of China or India may lead them to support the current status quo in the institution. In fact, the G-20 that has been touted as the new global grouping for projecting the rising power of the Rest, has yet to demonstrate its effectiveness in charting a new direction for the global economy.

Moreover, notwithstanding their occasional resort to anti-American rhetoric, China and Russia which are leading members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation are each probably more worried over the threat that the other poses to its security interests than the US challenge.

Turkey may be attempting to reassert its influence in the Middle East by defying US pressure. But it remains a loyal member of Nato and continues to press for membership in the EU. In fact, notwithstanding Turkey's regional ambitions, it has proved to be ineffective in trying to bring to an end the political upheaval and violence in neighbouring Syria. At the same time, despite its lessening influence in the Middle East, the US and its Nato and EU partners continue to play an active role in trying to provide support to its allies and bring some stability to the Middle East.

And while Asean members are strengthening their economic ties with the rising Chinese giant - as are Japan, South Korea, Australia and India - they also support continuing strong US military and economic presence in East Asia as part of an effort to counter-balance Chinese efforts to establish its dominant position in the region.

In a way, even as emerging markets are gaining more economic clout and the international system is becoming multipolar, it is not clear that that is creating the conditions for the West versus the Rest confrontation or that the US or the EU is being marginalised. In the new global economy and international system with its many centres of power, interlocking trade and investment ties, and shifting balances of power, a wise and effective leadership coming out of Washington could help actually turn the US once again into a central and indispensable power.

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The Japan Times

South China Sea: making sense of nonsense

Mark Valencia

June 29 — After a series of aggressive incidents involving Chinese patrol boats and subsequent soothing official statements, many analysts are trying to figure out what is really going on.

More specifically, why have different sections of China's government given mixed signals and chosen in nearly one fell swoop to embarrass their own leaders, undermine China's carefully nurtured and reasonably successful "charm offensive" toward the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and play right into the U.S. strategy of convincing ASEAN nations that they need its protection from a bullying China?

In China, has the political train left the station and are ASEAN nations thus just changing seats or cars on the train?

We are talking here not just about blatant violations of the solemnly agreed Declaration on Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) — all parties are guilty of that — but also of contradicting, by poorly timed actions, the words of leaders. When Chinese Defense Minister General Liang Guanglie was telling the Shangri-la Dialogue on June 3 in Singapore that "China is committed to maintaining peace and stability in the South China Sea" and that "China stood by" the DOC, news media were reporting that on May 26 a Vietnamese survey ship operating on its claimed continental shelf had its seismic cables cut by a Chinese patrol boat.

Shortly after that event China sent two vice chairmen of the Central Military Commission to Southeast Asia to try to reassure other

ASEAN claimants. But a second such incident occurred on June 9 — only two weeks later. Earlier, on March 4, the Philippines protested an incident on the Reed Bank in which two Chinese patrol boats allegedly threatened to ram a Philippine survey ship.

Then on the eve of Gen. Liang's visit to Manila, Chinese fighter jets allegedly harassed members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines near disputed islands in the South China Sea.

China responded to frenetic protests from Vietnam and the Philippines that any exploration in the Spratly area without its consent is a violation of its jurisdiction and sovereignty. This real time link between its stark and sweeping position and its enforcement has sent a chill down the spines of other ASEAN claimant and drawn U.S. attention. These disputes and even such incidents are certainly not new but why are they occurring now, and why is China sending very mixed signals?

This was supposed to be a period of negotiations to transform the DOC into an official enforceable code. Needless to say, this effort may now be moribund.

Despite China's rhetoric, ASEAN nations are genuinely alarmed and are looking to the United States for succor and support. The U.S. — having confronted China and injected itself into the issue via U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's speech at the ARF Foreign Minister's meeting in Hanoi in July 2010 — is only too happy to help — at least verbally and with signals that militaries understand.

The great irony is that none of this was necessary for China. Its problem with the U.S., or vice versa, concerns the intelligence-gathering activities of U.S. military vessels and aircraft — the EP-3, the Impeccable, the Victorious, the Bowditch in what it claims is its waters — not conflicting claims to islands or ocean space. These can only be linked in one worst scenario: that China has decided that it disagrees with portions of the U.N. Law of the Sea Treaty that it ratified and with international law that Western powers developed and have imposed on China while it was weak and that it now is set on revamping the international system.

In other words China is indeed serious about its nine-dashed line claim to all features, waters and resources of the South China Sea and it alone will decide the passage regime to be imposed therein.

This is radical and could lead to war.Otherwise, China could claim most of what it wants by using existing international law and the Law of the Sea Treaty. It could claim the features and, for legal islands, a continental shelf and 200 nautical mile exclusive economic zone for each. Of course it would have to negotiate boundaries with the other claimants.

But that is the present situation anyway and China's legal position is very weak. The area claimed would be almost the same as that within the nine-dashed line and the argument would be legitimate — supported by the convention.

Regarding the navigational issues with the U.S., the U.S. has not ratified the convention and has little legitimacy in arguing it or its interpretation thereof. The U.S. would be widely seen as a "bully" if it tried to force its interpretation on the world.

The puzzle is that China has excellent experts on Law of the Sea who are aware of this opportunity and yet China seems to be eschewing this option.

Perhaps U.S. strategy and tactics have pushed a portion of China's military leadership "over the edge." Maybe they have concluded from what they perceive as the U.S. "containment" policy and the constant and active probing by high-tech spy vessels and planes that war is inevitable. In this scenario China feels it must defend its exposed underbelly and push its defense "zone" as far south and seaward as possible.

Of course, this is anathema to the U.S., particularly its navy. In this case, the DOC or even a convention will be of little utility. Let us hope that the real explanation is more benign. One possibility is confusion and lack of coordination between high policy officials in foreign affairs and the military, particularly the PLA Navy. But this could also mean that China's foreign policy is in flux or disarray on this issue and that the PLA Navy has emerged as a trendsetter and spokesperson thereon.

Remember that just as U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates arrived in January on his historic visit to China, its military tested a stealth fighter and the civilian leadership appeared to have been caught unawares.

If the military is on occasion acting independently of the civilian leadership, this could explain the seeming dichotomy between Chinese officials' words and PLA Navy actions. But this would indeed be worrying.

In any event the situation looks likely to get worse before it gets better. More surveys and exploratory drilling are planned in areas claimed by China. And Vietnam has conducted an offshore live-fire drill and has called for international — including U.S. — help to resolve the issues. Rare anti-China protests have broken out in Hanoi and Manila. At this point all one can say is hold on to your hat.

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Scientific American

How the Brain Understands Food and Appetite [Excerpt]

David Linden

Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from a chapter in the book Compass of Pleasure: How Our Brains Make Fatty Foods, Orgasm, Exercise, Marijuana, Generosity, Vodka, Learning, and Gambling Feel So Good by David Linden. Copyright (c) 2001 by David Linden.

July 2, 2011 -- In studies where the food intake and energy expenditure of subjects are carefully monitored over a period of weeks to months (which tends to average out day-to-day fluctuations) a remarkable balance between calories consumed and calories burned was observed. When various mammals, from mice to monkeys, are either overfed or starved for a few weeks, their weight soon returns to normal levels when free access to food is resumed. Crucially, our mammalian bodies seem to be able to regulate feeding based on the amount of energy available in the food we consume, not just on the volume of that food. One example of many: When groups of rats were fed nutrient solutions of varying concentrations, they adjusted the volume consumed to achieve a constant inflow of calories. It's a lot like the thermostat in your house: When its thermometer registers a drop in temperature, it sends a signal to the heater to warm the house until the desired set point is reached.

These observations suggest that the brain must receive signals from the body that indicate its weight and that the brain makes use of the signals to modulate appetite and energy expenditure in order to maintain an individual's weight within a fairly narrow range. The signals are received in a structure at the base of the brain called the hypothalamus. The hypothalamus is involved in the control of many basic, subconscious drives and reflexes including sex, feeding, aggression, drinking, and regulation of body temperature. When rats received lesions in a particular subregion of the hypothalamus called the ventromedial area, they became obese. They behaved as if they were starving and compensated with an increase in food intake and a decrease in energy expenditure. Conversely, when a different part of the hypothalamus, called the lateral area, was destroyed, the rats behaved as if they had been overfed. They reduced food intake and increased energy use and thereby became dangerously lean. This is not just a rat trick: These experiments have been replicated in a wide variety of mammals, and humans who sustain damage to the ventromedial hypothalamus (usually from a tumor of the adjacent pituitary gland) will also increase their food intake and become obese.

This model raises one obvious question: How does your hypothalamus know how much you weigh? Let's step back and play God for a moment. If you wanted to build this system, how would you do it? By measuring blood glucose? Fat deposits? Core body temperature? Pressure on the soles of the feet?

This all remained a mystery until 1994, when Jeffrey Friedman and his colleagues at Rockefeller University reported their observations of two strains of mutant mouse, one called obese and the other called db. (These mutations were not created by scientists using genetic tricks but arose spontaneously in a breeding colony.) Both strains of mice were extremely fat, a trait that was passed on to their offspring in a simple, dominant pattern of inheritance, like eye color. This suggested that obesity in both obese and db mouse strains resulted from a mutation in a single gene in each case. Friedman's group was able to track down the mutation in the obese mice and found that it blocked production of a particular protein hormone, which they named leptin. The leptin protein is only secreted by fat cells. When similar analysis was performed on the db mice, it was found that the disrupted db gene was responsible for encoding a protein that functions as a leptin receptor: When it binds circulating leptin at the cell surface, it sets in motion a biochemical cascade inside the cell. Most provocatively, the leptin receptor is expressed strongly on neurons in those areas of the hypothalamus that cause obesity or leanness when destroyed.

So with Friedman's key findings we now have a reasonable hypothesis for how the hypothalamus can sense body weight and use that information to maintain it within a narrow range. When weight is gained, the amount of body fat increases, and since fat cells secrete leptin in proportion to their mass, leptin levels will consequently rise. Leptin circulates in the blood and crosses into the brain, where it is sensed by leptin receptors expressed on neurons in the hypothalamus. Activation of those neurons by leptin suppresses appetite and increases energy expenditure. When weight is lost, the system works in the opposite direction: Less fat means reduced levels of circulating leptin, increased appetite, and reduced energy expenditure.

So far, the evidence that supports this hypothesis is quite promising. Leptin levels in the blood do indeed increase with weight gain and decrease with weight loss. Injections of leptin in obese mutant mice cause them to reduce food intake and lose weight (and these injections work even if tiny doses are delivered directly to the hypothalamus). Injections of leptin in db mutant mice have no effect, because there are no leptin receptors in the hypothalamus for the exogenous leptin to activate.

Of those people who are morbidly obese, less than 1 percent harbor DNA mutations that disrupt the function of the leptin gene—a low rate of incidence that is not surprising, as leptin-deficient humans and mice are both in fertile, so these mutations do not pass readily to subsequent generations.

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Here's how Bitcoin charmed Washington

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The Bitcoin Foundation's Patrick Murck testifies before the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee. (U.S. Senate)

The pair of Bitcoin hearings held this week by Senate committees could have been a disaster for the Bitcoin community. After all, Bitcoin first came to mainstream attention in 2011 when Gawker reported on Silk Road, an anonymous online marketplace that allowed users to purchase a wide variety of illegal drugs with Bitcoin. Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) denounced the site and suggested that Bitcoin was "an online form of money laundering." A few months ago, it would have been easy to imagine the first congressional hearings on Bitcoin being a prelude to a federal crackdown on the decentralized financial network.

But that's not what happened. Instead, the hearings were lovefests. All three Obama administration officials who testified this week stressed that Bitcoin has legitimate uses and argued that no new regulations were needed to police illicit uses of the network. Most of the other witnesses echoed those sentiments.

That wasn't a coincidence. The cordial atmosphere of this week's hearings was the culmination of months of careful diplomacy by Bitcoin advocates. Since the spring, leaders of the Bitcoin community and sympathetic policy advocates have been engaging with federal regulators, lawmakers and other influential figures inside the beltway. The result: a near-unanimous consensus that the federal government needs to be careful to avoid hampering the growth of the world's first completely decentralized payment network.

A tough crowd

On the morning of June 13, several dozen well-dressed Washingtonians filed into the Carlucci Auditorium at the stately headquarters of the United States Institute of Peace. For many of the government officials in the room, this would be their first opportunity to meet senior figures in the Bitcoin community in the flesh. Panelists included lead Bitcoin developer Gavin Andressen and Patrick Murck, general counsel of the Bitcoin Foundation.

The way the event was framed didn't augur well for Bitcoin. One of the conference's two sponsors (along with Thompson Reuters) was the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children. A major theme of the second panel was the use of bitcoins to purchase child pornography.

"Child pornography is like Bitcoin in some ways," said Andrew Oosterbaan, who prosecutes child pornography cases for the Justice Department. "It has intrinsic value to people who want it. The more valuable child pornography is the new child pornography. When you add an anonymous currency, you've taken individuals who are already incentivized to produce, given them a far more meaningful incentive to do so."

"Bitcoin is nothing like child pornography," a visibly angry Murck shot back. "If there was one instance of a child being abused because of Bitcoin, that's one too many. I'm a father, I think there's a special place in hell for people who do that."

But Murck also stressed that the Bitcoin community was willing to work with federal regulators to ensure that Bitcoin-based businesses complied with applicable laws. "I want to craft a sane regulatory environment," he said, urging federal regulators to "engage stakeholders. Don't have secret meetings. Have public meetings. We're all happy to live with the consequences of whatever rulemaking is open and transparent."

Murck would get his wish for engagement, though many of the meetings would be held behind closed doors. "We always intended that conference to be a launching point," says Ernie Allen, the president of the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children and an organizer of the June conference. The gathering catalyzed the creation of a task force to consider how policymakers should respond to Bitcoin's emergence. It is expected to issue its recommendations early next year.

Allen says that conversations among members of that task force have changed how he thinks about the online payment network. Allen now believes that premature regulation would be counterproductive.

"We are enthusiastic about the potential of virtual currencies and the digital economy," Allen said in his Monday testimony before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Allen said he remained concerned about the use of the currency for exchanging child pornography, but he warned that "draconian" regulations could push Bitcoin enterprises underground and overseas, where it would be much harder to police for illicit uses.

The Senate studies Bitcoin

Staff on the Homeland Security Committee, which is chaired by Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.), had been preparing for their Bitcoin hearing for several months. Committee staffers began to study the topic in earnest in April, when the value of one bitcoin spiked to $266, generating a wave of media attention.

Over the summer, committee staff interviewed around 50 experts in industry, government, academic and nonprofit organizations to learn how the Bitcoin network worked and how it might affect the economy and law enforcement. Committee staffers talked to government agencies, bankers, and technologists. They also talked extensively to representatives of the Bitcoin Foundation.

The committee consulted with Dan Kaminsky, a well-known security expert who conducted an influential security analysis of the Bitcoin software in 2011. Staffers talked to Sarah Meiklejohn, a computer scientist at the University of California, San Diego, about whether Bitcoin is truly anonymous (it isn't). And they talked to Jerry Brito, a researcher at the Mercatus Center, a libertarian think tank. Brito testified at Monday's hearing.

In August, the committee sent a series of letters to federal agencies seeking their views on Bitcoin and other virtual currencies. Letters were sent to the Department of Homeland Security, the Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve, the Justice Department and other agencies with regulatory authority related to financial markets or online crime. The letters asked the agencies to provide details of any inquiries they had conducted into the virtual currencies, and to describe whether they had plans to regulate the currency in the future.

Meanwhile, representatives from the Bitcoin Foundation met with a number of executive branch officials at a closed-door meeting in August. "What the Bitcoin Foundation tried to stress is that Bitcoin is less useful for [illicit] purposes than other centralized virtual currencies," said Brito, who attended the meeting. Bitcoin advocates also stressed that excessive regulation in the United States would merely push more of the Bitcoin economy overseas, where U.S. regulators might not be able to reach it at all.

Those arguments seem to have made an impression, because government officials repeated many of them at this week's hearings. The Homeland Security Committee invited representatives of three federal agencies to testify before the committee this week. Jennifer Shasky Calvery represented the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, which enforces the nation's laws against money laundering. Mythili Raman spoke on behalf of the Justice Department, whose enforcement activities have included the shuttering the Bitcoin-based drug marketplace Silk Road. And Edward Lowery spoke for the Secret Service, which (along with the Justice Department) was involved in shutting down e-Gold and Liberty Reserve, two virtual currencies that the government alleged had become vast money-laundering operations. Calvery also testified before the Senate Banking committee on Tuesday.

"Virtual currencies have yet to overtake more traditional methods to move funds internationally" for "criminal purposes," Calvery said. She pointed out that the Bitcoin network has processed only about $8 billion worth of transactions over the last year, compared to an estimated $1.6 trillion in "global criminal proceeds" in 2009. Clearly, the vast majority of those transactions are using some other financial network.

"We are attuned to the criminal use" of Bitcoin, Raman said. But "there are many legitimate uses. These virtual currencies are not in and of themselves illegal."

Calvery agreed. "Innovation is a very important part of our economy," she said, cautioning that premature regulation could stifle Bitcoin innovation.

The personal touch

Regulators are busy people. They're more likely to pay attention to flesh-and-blood advocates than to anonymous Internet commenters. Murck and Andresen's trip to Washington proved to be crucial to building productive relationships with policymakers.

Calvery was a keynote speaker at the June conference. Murck and Calvery met in the speakers' room at the conference and had a conversation that would later lead to the closed-door August meeting between regulators and Bitcoin advocates. The day after the June conference, Murck was introduced to staffers on the Senate Homeland Security Committee, beginning a conversation that culminated in this week's hearings.

Murck says that not everyone in the Bitcoin community was happy about his engagement with Washington. The Bitcoin community has a strong libertarian streak, and many Bitcoin devotees worried that conversations with federal regulators could help to legitimize and encourage regulation. But to the surprise of many, the Bitcoin advocates' charm offensive actually changed the minds of many D.C. insiders. Winning over Allen was a particular coup for the Bitcoin community. Allen's warnings against the dangers of premature regulation were particularly effective coming from a long-time activist against child pornography.

"Part of the effort was not just to address these issues from a law enforcement perspective, but to listen to the leaders of the Bitcoin movement," Allen said. And when he listened to them, he found some of their arguments to be surprisingly persuasive.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 1/22/2013 10:45:31 PM
To: jeevacation@gmail.com
Subject: Tom McMillen

Importance: High

Hi Jeffrey,
I saw Tom McMillen last night and he asked about you - said he lost touch. He's tight with the Obama's and is going to be an Ambassador - apparently any country he wants. So great! I'd LOVE to be an Ambassador and am going attempt to raise enough money on the next election cycle.

His info is: [redacted] and [redacted] I hesitate to give him your info w/out ur permission...

Am doing Aspen Institute Socrates Society program over President's weekend if you're in Aspen! Miss you!
Love and Happiness, Gwendolyn

PS. Have a conference call with Jessica Joffe tomorrow.

[redacted]

www.beckresearchlabs.com
www.flirtingwithfinances.com

check out: **www.webegirls.com**

From: [redacted]
Sent: 6/25/2017 8:53:16 PM
To: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Hello!!!

Importance: High

Hi Jeffrey,
Just called, but not sure I have the right cell number for you. Thinking of you and hope life is treating you great! Any news?

All good here in the District of Corruption – I'm lovin' Trump. He is turning this town on its head, and have to admit, I'm enjoying watching the action (except for the shooting, of course, which was tragic). Especially interesting is watching the Dems implode – I'm really shocked at how wrong they judged the public. Am having dinner tonight with one of the Blue Dog Dems, and think they could maneuver to take over the party – Rep. Jim Costa is the defacto head – we'll see. Have popcorn, sitting back and watching the show ☺

Just got a big promotion to Manager of Senior Health, Virginia Hospital Center/Mayo Clinic. Am very excited, and love the job – it is so rewarding. I spend most of my time giving lectures on neurodegenerative diseases, sleep, heart health and strategies for longevity. And the rest of the time as liaison to State and local Department's of Aging, facilitator to the Alzheimer and Dementia Caregiver Support Group and managing the assistive technology program.

If you hear of any special panels or commissions President Trump is forming, please keep me in mind. Sure the hospital won't mind loaning me out, and pretty sure I'm one of a handful of Republican Gerontologists ☺.

Let me know if you get to DC. Would LOVE to see you!!!

Miss you and all the great times we had xxxx
[redacted]

PS. How are Fred and Mort doing?

[redacted]
Gerontologist, Longevity & Successful Aging
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 6/25/2017 9:10:33 PM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: RE: Hello!!!

Importance: High

Thanks!!!

[redacted]
Gerontologist, Longevity & Successful Aging
[redacted]

From: jeffrey E.
Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2017 4:59 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Hello!!!

Great news

On Sun, Jun 25, 2017 at 4:53 PM [redacted] wrote:

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From: Lesley Groff [redacted]
Sent: 10/13/2015 6:48:37 PM
To: Jefffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: [redacted]

Importance: High

below from [redacted]

Hi Lesley,
I'm helping a friend at the doctors and should be available between 5 and 630p if we can talk then. Or anytime tomorrow before 5pm. Going to Trump speech tomorrow night - think he's going to get the nomination....
Best, [redacted]

From: Jennifer Jacquet [redacted]
Sent: 8/4/2011 8:21:25 PM
To: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re:

Importance: High

Yuck. Maybe borrow one from Clinton?

On Aug 4, 2011, at 4:17 PM, Jeffrey Epstein wrote:

i would need my speculumator to gauge accurately

On Thu, Aug 4, 2011 at 10:09 PM, Jennifer Jacquet <[redacted]> wrote:

> Well, you're the gyneconomist. Better get to work.
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> On Aug 4, 2011, at 4:05 PM, Jeffrey Epstein wrote:
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> they are being feminized.
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> On Thu, Aug 4, 2011 at 10:01 PM, Jennifer Jacquet <[redacted]> wrote:
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>> Richard and I have already been in touch about the transfer to the project I work with here at UBC, and it seems there is no problem (I'll check with our admin right now). Thank you, though!
>>
>> p.s. What the heck is happening to the financial markets and how are you going to help?
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>> On Aug 4, 2011, at 3:40 PM, Jeffrey Epstein wrote:
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>> john and i agree that maybe you shoudl take money from edge. as opposed to me ,, if it helps
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Date: Tuesday, January 20 2015 12:14 AM
Subject: are they still bothering you/ if so what about
From: jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>
To: [redacted]

I have to hand it to ms [redacted] I'm sure she deserves the pretty penny she has made for her effort . She has certainly caught the imagination of a public hungry for salacious fiction. To suggest her story is anything other than that, a fiction , is ludicrous. Presidents at dinner on caribean islands. (clinton was never ever there, easy to confirm). Sharing a bath with a Prince (bathtub too small even for one adult). sex slave being paid thousands of dollars. (while at the exact same time, she was working as a hostess in a burger bar). being lent out to a prime minister though this prime mininster, never out of sight of his massive security detail also never visited the island, , sex on a small airplane with a famous lawyer while the other passengers must have been all looking out the window during the event . I would have thought that her fabrications were readilly apparent , but now , being asked to deny what the press has termed her " allegations " is frankly silly. ok, to play along I deny each and every allegation . The only person she didn't suggest she was forced to have sex with , was Bilbo Baggins. , maybe its in the sequel.

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From: Lesley Groff [redacted]
Sent: 9/10/2012 5:01:27 PM
To: Epstein Jeffrey [jeevacation@gmail.com]
CC: [redacted]; Francis Derby
[redacted]
Subject: Bobby Slayton

Importance: High

Bobby Slayton will be in LA on Sept. 18th (he said if you are hosting Obama in NY though, he could make the effort to attend)

Below from Bobby re the dinner he would like to have:

> AND Tuesday the 16th is perfect for dinner with David And Lewis And if Woody Makes it GREAT, if not, always fun to hang with JE!!! David Brenner said he would try to change his flight if only Monday works!! But the boys are definately in for Tuesday!!!

May I tell Bobby the 16th is good for dinner AND invite Woody?

Lyn & Jojo are back to work on Oct. 16th (they are home on 15th)

Linda Stone will be in NY and staying in an apt Oct. 13-17